

# Climate Ready Forestry Learning Exchange

## Queen Elizabeth Forest Park

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Macdonald Forest Hills Hotel, Kinlochard, Aberfoyle, FK8 3TL with field visit to Queen Elizabeth Forest Park

### **What is this event about?**

This event will bring together practitioners, policy makers and researchers to share knowledge and experience about the sustainable management of forests for resilience-building; in particular to wind risk, slope stability/soil erosion and flooding.

The day will focus on site visits and group discussions to share learning about practical approaches to the management of these risks and draw out opportunities, successes, on-going challenges and possible solutions.

The event will provide participants with ideas to try in practice and highlight sources of support and information. Insights from practice will be used to inform policy making and research to support climate ready forestry.

The event is hosted by ClimateXChange (CXC), Forest Research (FR) and Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS).

### **Who is it aimed at?**

Forest practitioners, managers, planners, owners, forestry agents, policy advisors, and researchers. We are keen to have participants with experience and ideas from a range of different forest management situations.

### **More information:**

The event will be based at Forest Hill Hotel, Aberfoyle with a site visit into Queen Elizabeth Forest Park. A packed lunch will be provided. Venue information:

[www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/macdonald-forest-hills-hotel-spa/](http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/macdonald-forest-hills-hotel-spa/)

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## Draft programme

<b>9:45 – 10:15</b>	<b>Arrival: refreshments available</b>
<b>10:15 -10:30</b>	<b>Welcome; purpose of and plans for the day</b> Cameron Maxwell, Forestry Commission Scotland
<b>10:30 – 10:50</b>	<b>Scene setting: recent weather and future climate trends in Scotland</b> Joe Hagg, Adaptation Scotland
<b>10:50 – 11:00</b>	<b>Scene setting: what’s happening in the forestry sector to encourage climate ready forestry?</b> Maida Ballarini, Forestry Commission Scotland
<b>11:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Site visits to QEFP</b>  <b>Stop 1: Flood risk management:</b> including discussion of the situation in QEFP (John Hair, Forestry Commission Scotland), Strathard Ecosystem Services project (Louise Bond, SEPA) and the Slowing the Flow at Pickering project (Tom Nisbet, Forest Research).  <b>Stop 2: Slope stability/soil erosion:</b> including discussion about the A82 project (Ben Lennon, Forestry Commission Scotland).  <b>LUNCH</b> (Packed lunch provided).  <b>Stop 3: Wind risk:</b> including discussion of wind risk management tool ForestGALES (Bruce Nicoll, Forest Research).  Session chair: Helen McKay, Forest Research
<b>14:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Return to hotel. Refreshments provided.</b>
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Opportunities and challenges for climate change resilient forestry in policy, practice and research.</b> Facilitated session.
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	<b>Thanks, reflections, next steps and close of meeting.</b> Cameron Maxwell, Forestry Commission Scotland.