

Feeding Scotland Responsibly in a Changing World

Thursday 21 January 2010

Cedar Suite, James Watt Centre, Edinburgh Conference Centre, Heriot Watt University

One Planet Food is organising the above seminar in the light of the new National Food and Drink Policy for Scotland and builds on recommendations of the Leadership Forum Report:

"Scotland should embrace the values of being a fair trade nation..."

"It is our firm conviction that unless individuals, families, communities and larger populations in Scotland are given power and control over their future, in terms of food and drink, we are unlikely to see the radical change we need."

"More work should be done to understand Scotland's place in this global picture and how we can contribute to, and possibly lead, the agenda."

The seminar links issues of food security and sustainable food production in Scotland with the global debate on food sovereignty and climate change.

Our aim is to strengthen these key elements of the Food Policy for Scotland and we hope that the seminar will lead to further in-depth work to engage civil society and parliament as well as food producers in shaping a fair and sustainable 'food future' for Scotland.

Our speakers for this seminar include:

- Rev Professor David Atkinson, Chair of Workstream 5 of the National Food and Drink Policy (Food security, access and affordability).
- Patrick Mulvany, Chair of the UK Food Group and Senior Policy Advisor for Practical Action.
- Tom Macmillan, Food Ethics Council (which is currently conducting an enquiry into fair food).
- Patrick Krause, chief executive of the Scottish Crofting Federation (member organisation of Via Campesina).
- Video link with activist and farmers form Ecuador.



9.30	Registration
10.00	Welcome
10.10	Who is here? Mapping food policy stakeholders
10.30	Scotland's food system at a crossroads David Atkinson
10.50	Global food system: Choices and consequences Patrick Mulvany
11.15	Coffee break
11.30	Group work: Does Food Sovereignty makes sense in a Scottish context?
11.50	Food and fairness Tom Macmillan
12.10	Group work: Food justice messages
12.30	Plenary discussion
1.00	Lunch
2.00	From across the table Patrick Krause and Voices from the Global South
2.20	World Café: Influencing food policy in Scotland and strategic thinking
3.30	Coffee break
3.45	Plenary: Shaping a sustainable food system for Scotland. Next steps.

The seminar will bring together a cross-sectoral group of 40-60 stakeholders with an interest in Food Policy and sustainable food production (local and national policy makers, public health officers, academics, NGOs, farmers, the Church, journalists etc).

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