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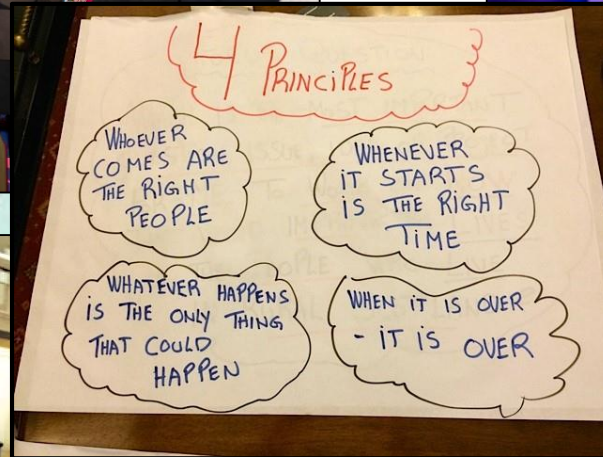
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What is a Rural Parliament?





Action Plan

2015-16



1. Scotland needs new democratic structures decided and agreed upon by communities.
2. Rural communities should be empowered to take action for themselves.
3. Rural areas require their own set of outcome measures, monitoring arrangements and measures of deprivation.
4. Rural businesses need to be effectively supported to survive, grow and thrive.
5. Rural communities need to be well connected to services through integrated and affordable transport.
6. Broadband and mobile phone signal are essential services which should be available to all.

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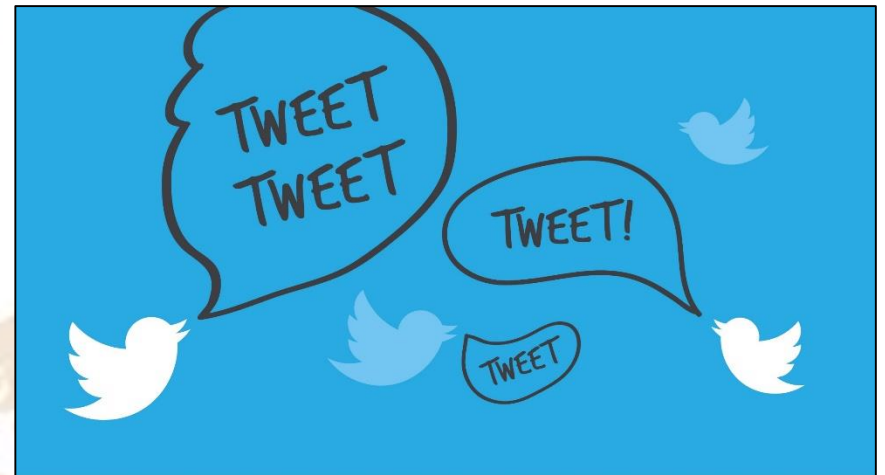
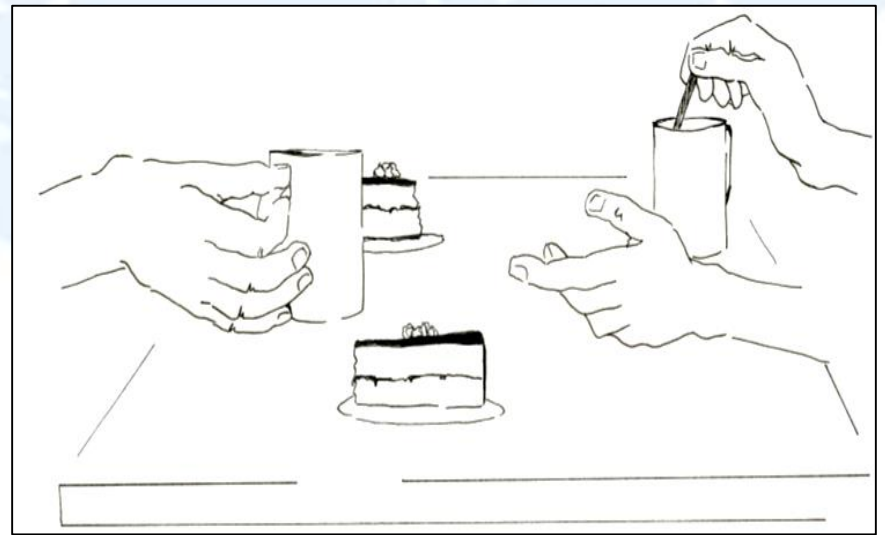
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Consultation in 2016





Communities and Civil Society

There are many opportunities available for communities to address the challenges they face, and where communities have capacity to do this, they are being very successful. Communities have addressed many issues which were not being effectively addressed by public services or private markets, including depopulation, broadband and meeting the welfare needs of local residents. We believe that:

- Communities have the potential to address many of their own needs when the right support, conditions and opportunities are in place.
- Communities are stronger, happier and more successful when they have greater control over their future. The public sector has to recognise this, creating a culture of support for, and trust in, community-led initiatives and activities, and removing barriers.
- There is a pressing and growing need to develop the capacity of some communities who are finding it harder to lead with confidence.



Education

To retain young and talented people in our rural communities and the essential services and entrepreneurship they bring to our communities, we need to provide good quality opportunities for education, training and professional development.

- Education choices should be appropriate for the community they serve.
- Better links between education and local business should be forged.
- Distant learning options should continue to be developed, and superfast broadband schemes rolled-out to support this option.
- A comprehensive, multi-agency task-force should be set-up to investigate the causes of, and to identify and implement solutions to, the challenges in attracting and retaining educational staff in rural parts of Scotland.

Brechin, Angus

6th – 8th October 2016





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How can we get community learning and development onto the agenda?

What are the CLD issues for rural communities?

What are the rural issues for CLD?

What should we propose is added to the next version of the Manifesto?



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