



The RSN organises an annual seminar programme. The events are intended to help Councils and Rural Services Partnership Members overcome some of the issues and challenges that they face in delivering services in rural places. There is a modest charge for these events to cover venues, lunch and materials of £35 plus VAT (Community Group Members: £30 plus VAT). All delegates will be given a certificate of attendance to recognise their involvement.

The initial Programme for 2014/15 has just been published as follows:

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Penrith Methodist Chapel

Neighbourhood and the Broader Planning

Confirmed speakers to date:

Fergus McMorrow – Eden District Council Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan

John Wellbank – Cumbria Rural Planning Facilitation Service

DCLG Neighbourhood Planning – Overall Perspective on Neighbourhood Planning

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014**

Northumberland National Park

Sustainable Tourism Strategies

Confirmed speakers to date:

Tony Gates – CEO Northumberland National Park

Andrew Thurston – Chapter Clerk Durham Cathedral

Terry Carroll – Centre for Rural Economy

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014**

University of Lincoln

Localism in Practice

Confirmed speakers to date:

Sara Scott – Market Rasen Business Improvement Group

Manjeet Gill – Chief Executive West Lindsey District Council

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014**

Doncaster

Public Service Reform – Transition in Action

Confirmed speakers to date:

Terry Huggins – Shared Services Architecture

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Peterborough

Localisation of Business Rates

Confirmed speakers to date:

Dan Bates – Rural Services Network

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**

Francis Hill Campus UoG, Cheltenham

Local Economies, the role of local authorities and learning from the transition movement

Confirmed speakers to date:

Helen Royall – Transition Stroud

Hilary Ritchie North Dorset District Council

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Farringdon, London

Lottery and Local Authorities

Confirmed speakers to date:

Dan Paskins – Big Lottery

Debbie Ladds – Local Trust (Big Local)

Caroline Masundire – Rocket Science (evaluation of BIG local asset support)

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015**

Guildhall, Worcester

Health and Well Being

Confirmed speakers to date:

Audrey Roy – Defra Rural Communities Policy Unit – Rural Health Proofing

Lesley Avery – Gloucestershire RCC – In Touch Programme

Please click [here](#) for a booking form.

The full programme brochure will be available soon.

Places are limited to 50, so **book now** by contacting Wendy by email [wendy.cooper@sparse.gov.uk](mailto:wendy.cooper@sparse.gov.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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