

RSN Seminar Programme



RSN (with support from Knight Frank) has developed a seminar programme which is free of charge to all members. The seminars are intended to help councils and Rural Service Partnership members overcome some of the issues that they face in delivering services.



Seminar 1

21 September - YMCA, Cheltenham

Public Sector Austerity

This event will bring together speakers with an interest and understanding of the challenges around delivering 'more for less' in the public sector. Speakers include:

- Professor Glyn Owen
- Mags Walsh - Leicestershire County Council
- Sylvia Brown - CEO, Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE)
- Matthew Wheatley - Head of Economy and Skills, East Midlands Councils
- Ivan Annibal /Dan Bates - Rural Services Network ('Rural Vulnerability Index' and 'Benchmarking Service')

Seminar 2

10 January 2011 - Creative Business Depot, Leicester

Rural Broadband

This event will provide an update on good practice and ongoing challenges in tackling the 'digital divide'. Speakers include:

- Malcolm Corbett - CEO, Community Broadband Network
- Access to Services Team, North Yorkshire County Council - 'Joint Access Centres'
- Darren Cole, Customer Services Manager, West Devon Borough Council - 'The Village Hub'
- Daniel Heery - Founder and Director 'Alston Cybermoor'
- Ray Smith, ICT Co-ordinator, Leicestershire County Council - 'Community ICT Programme'



Making the Most of Land and the Environment

This event will review the distinctive roles and opportunities local authorities have in the context of their local land holdings and landscapes. Speakers include:

- Danny Jackson - Countryside Officer, Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Peak District National Park - 'Live and Work Rural' Programme
- "Taste Tideswell" - winner of National "Village SOS" competition
- Doug Robinson - Sustainability Officer, Lincolnshire County Council
- Christopher Smith - Knight Frank

Key Information

All Seminars run from 10.30am - 4.30pm.

Spaces are limited to 50 participants per session.

Certificates of attendance which may be useful for CPD purposes will be issued.

For further information and to reserve your place, please contact Wendy Cooper at the RSN by email wendy.cooper@sparse.gov.uk or telephone 01822 813693.

Academic Network Meeting

26 October 2010 – Nottingham Trent University

This event will outline 4 areas of key research which are relevant to rural practitioners and policy makers. It will run from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Speakers include:

Professor Stephen Fothergill, Sheffield Hallam University – Coastal Towns

Andrew Carter, Centre for Cities - Rural/Urban Connectivities

Trevor Cherrett, Rural Coalition - Rural Policy Challenges

Leeds Metropolitan University - Bradford Sustainable Urban Fringe Programme

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