

HUTTERS' RALLY – PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY		
Hutters' Rally 2024, Caird Halls Complex, Dundee, Saturday 20th April 2024		
Time	What's happening	Where?
9:00 – 10:00	Arrival , registration and stalls in Hutters' Trade Fair	Ground level entrance hall
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and introduction to day	Marryat Hall (230 people)
10:15 – 11:00	Peter McQueen: The Art of Hutting	Marryat Hall
11:00 – 11:30	Break for tea/coffee and looking at stalls and demonstrations in the Hutters' Trade Fair	
11:30 – 12:15	Lesley Riddoch: What can we learn from Norway next?	Marryat Hall
12:15 – 13:00	Regional networking – find out who's doing what in your area Edinburgh and Dundee Glasgow Aberdeen Inverness Fort William	Marryat Hall Room 1 Ashton Hall Room 2 Room 3
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch - those who have purchased lunch vouchers will have lunch in the First Floor Café. Everyone else will need to bring sandwiches or go to nearby shops.	
14:00 – 14:45	Planning workshop with Richard Heggie (Urban Animation) and Anne Cunningham	Marryat Hall
	Hutters Trade Fair – with a range of hut-related stalls	Caird Hall
	Building with earth by Rory McPhee (Lindor Curative Forest)	Room 1 (50-60 people)
	What do hutters need from courses? Duncan Roberts and Colin Pendry	Room 2 (30 people)
	The Brickfields Project – hutting on brownfield land with David Rushton (MERZ Architects)	Room 3 (30 people)
	Managing hut site land for food and nature with Liz Murdoch, Alan Carter and Willie Whitelaw	Ashton Hall (40 people)
14:45 – 15:00	Time to move between workshops	
15:00 – 15:45	How to buy woodland by Adrian Searle (50 minutes)	Marryat Hall
	Hutters Trade Fair	Caird Hall
	Re-use, reclaim and scrounge – low cost, low-impact hut building by Peter Kushner	Room 1
	So you want a hut – what are you prepared to do about it? – volunteering on hut sites and a potential hut site by Adrian Scott	Room 2
	Managing a hut build by Marek Wasniewski and Joss McCluskey	Room 3
	Hutting on Forestry and Land Scotland Land with Linda Moyes (Carnock hutters) and Alan Carter (Reforestation Scotland)	Ashton Hall
15:45 – 16:00	Time to move between workshops	
16:00 – 16:45	Hut site developers panel with Richard Heggie (Urban Animation), Louise Witter (The Encampment) and Linda Moyes (Carnock)	Marryat Hall
	Hutters Trade Fair	Caird Hall
	Building a cabin: What I wish I'd done and what I'm glad I did by Lotte Kravitz	Room 1
	Forming a hutting community by Donald McPhillimy	Room 2
	Hut sharing - benefits, pitfalls and finding the ideal hut-mate with Rehema White (Falkland)	Room 3
	Composting toilets – the good, the bad and the ugly with Liz Murdoch	Ashton Hall
16:45 – 17:00	Farewell	Marryat Hall

Speakers at the Rally

Peter McQueen BBC presenter and passionate hutter Peter MacQueen was born and raised in the west coast town of Oban. Author of Scottish bestseller, *The Art of Hutting*, a book celebrating the hut culture and lifestyle of Scotland today, he is currently filming a new TV series called *Bothag Phàdruig* (Peter's Hut) from his own hut overlooking the Isle of Seil.

Lesley Riddoch is a journalist, podcaster, filmmaker and former owner of an Aberdeenshire hut. She completed a PhD in 2021 comparing hutting in Scotland and Norway and turned her findings into a book – *Huts, a place beyond*.

Richard Heggie is Director of Urban Animation, an Edinburgh-based planning and development consultancy, working mainly in rural Scotland and the Islands. He is Scotland's only recipient of the Royal Town Planning Institute's UK Planning Consultant of the Year award. Richard is an advisor to Reforesting Scotland's 1000 Huts campaign and a co-author of the 'New Hutting Developments' guidance. He has gained planning permission for many of Scotland's larger new hutting sites and has built a hut in a small woodland plot in the Scottish Borders.

Lotte Kravitz built her cabin with two friends in the aftermath of the pandemic. Coming from an arts background without experience of building a structure of this scale, she will talk about her journey from initial idea to finished cabin, and how to navigate when things don't go quite to plan...

Rory McPhee came home to Scotland in 2013 to set up a seaweed business. In 2014 he purchased Lindor, forested land in Fife, planted in 1952 with Scots Pine. In 2020 he started process of creating a more bio diverse biotope and creating a space for healing and restoration. As a boatbuilder and functional sculptor, Lindor is very much a working woodland. The most recent project is a Hot Bothy (aka sauna) using earth, turf and wood to illustrate the cost-

effective option of building a safe, invisible, insulated space with simple tools from local materials. For his talk, Rory will showcase tools used and briefly describe the inspirations that have informed the project.

Linda Moyes says 'I am fortunate enough to have a hut at Carnock Woods, just a few minutes from my home. It has long been a dream of mine to have a hut in the woods, somewhere to escape to. I am fairly new at hutting but am now a total convert and if you can't find me at home, it is easy to guess where I will be - in my hut with a good book and a cup of tea.'

David Rushton is an artist and filmmaker giving abandoned rural buildings and hutting sites a sustainable purpose involving international artist residencies in educational and recreational places.

Adrian Scott for 20 years ran a small business in the design and manufacture of specialist breathing equipment. His retirement project is managing a small woodland and a farm, where he has re-roofed a barn and built a "Hut" and sheds for a sawmill and milled timber. He has trained in traditional timber framing techniques. After finding what fun it was to build with the help of others, he went looking for other folks' projects to volunteer on, including a log cabin and house in Knoydart, forest school in Dumfries and a hempcrete extension in Angus. He is now working on a project to (in a small way) democratise land ownership by selling some of his land to a community group.

Adrian Searle has worked in the creative industries, criminal justice and recently moved into forestry full-time. In 2018, he bought his first woodland. He now has four, one in North Lanarkshire and three in Ayrshire, just over 100 acres in total. His session will look at ways to identify and buy woodland, sharing lots of practical first-hand experience.

Rehema White is a sustainability generalist developing scholarship and pursuing sustainable development practice from the University of St Andrews, Scotland. She

works mainly on human-nature relationships, learning for sustainability and conservation governance. She tries to remain grounded through local community ventures, including Transition, Permaculture and Art of Mentoring. She and her family share a hut in Fife which is currently an opportunity for more skill building than rest and recuperation!

Liz Murdoch is a mental health nurse with a passion for woodlands and is custodian of a small patch of temperate rainforest near Appin. She describes Hutting as the "gateway drug" to nature restoration. As a member of Reforesting Scotland, Liz has been involved with the Campaign for a Thousand Huts since its inception and now wants to see one thousand "treebogs" in amenity spaces in Scotland. Don't know what a "treebog" is? Come to the Compost Toilets discussion to find out!

Alan Carter is the Co-ordinator of Reforesting Scotland, which includes work on the Thousand Huts campaign. He is a forester by background and wrote *A Food Forest In Your Garden*, a book on forest gardening in Scottish conditions.

Willie Whitelaw is a former community worker turned self-taught wood-builder. He and his partner own a small wood in rural Stirlingshire. Bought in 2012, the wood is managed for bio-diversity, amenity, small-scale home firewood and very occasional timber production from thinning or wind-throw. The wood is a mixture of over-mature oak, larch, sycamore, silver birch, beech and others. There are a few areas of wet wood and a small burn. After 10 years of ownership, the wood became host to a self-built 12ft x 14ft timber hut, which is still under construction.

Donald McPhillimy was a member of the Reforesting Scotland Thousand Huts team. He was responsible for the Carnock site in

west Fife, the first hutting site on public land managed by Forestry and Land Scotland. He is also very interested in huts on community managed sites. He is, by trade, an ecological forester and has advised many individuals on the management of their woodlands, increasingly seeing the opportunities for huts. He believes that there are many models for building communities around huts and is interested in hearing about some new ones.

Anne Cunningham is a Chartered Town and Country Planner of some 30 years experience with both local authority and consultancy basis. She has dealt with numerous, and successful, planning applications for huts. She has been involved with Hutting from the first meeting at Greyfriars Kirk and continues to be an advocate of the 1000 Huts Campaign.

Tommy McManmon, former Ranger for Knoydart Foundation, is a Natural Heritage Officer for Pentlands Regional Park and has an MSc in Water and Environmental Management. He is campaigning for approval for Council-managed composting toilets in the Pentlands, a very busy recreational area, and has experience in the planning regulations. Tommy also builds toilets for community organisations, which he describes as a labour of love. His motto is "Bring the shit back to the land and then you can grow again".

Marek Wasniewski and **Joss McCluskey** are hut builders.

Louise Witter founded the Encampment hut site in Lanarkshire.

Duncan Roberts is an architect who specialises in timber-framed self-build project. He lives in Northumberland in a house that he and his partner, also an architect, are building piece by piece. **Colin Pendry** went on one of his courses and has now built his own hut.