



## **EUROPARC Conference 2018 Programme**

European Parks: Inspired by the Next Generation

### **TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

Delegate Registration is open from 1200hrs to 1800hrs

Lunch available for delegates from 1230hrs to 1400hrs

1500hrs **EUROPARC General Assembly**  
to 1800hrs

1900hrs **Informal Dinner**  
Delegates gather together for a buffet dinner in the Osprey Suite

### **WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

Delegate Registration is open from 0700hrs

0900hrs **Welcome** by Conference Host – broadcaster and journalist Muriel Gray

**Conference Introduction** from Cassie Scott, Venture Trust

**Official Ministerial Opening of the Conference**

0930hrs **How Young People Will Lead a New Nature Movement**  
**Richard Louv**

*In his most well-known books, Last Child in the Woods and The Nature Principle, Louv uses the term 'nature-deficit disorder' to explain the correlation between an increase in social, mental and physical health problems with less time spent in nature because of busy, technology-driven lives*

1010hrs **Building connections by taking action for nature**  
**Hendrikus van Hensbergen, Director, Action for Conservation**

*Action for Conservation aim to create the next generation of conservationists. 79% of children in the UK lack adequate connection to nature, making them less likely to fight to protect it as adults. Partnering with conservation organisations to tackle this crisis by inspiring and empowering young people, aged 12-18, to take action for the environment in their local area and to make their voices heard nationally*

1045hrs Refreshment break

1130hrs **Global #natureforall Initiative Canada**  
**Karen Keenleyside, National Science Advisor, Parks Canada**

*#NatureForAll is a global movement to inspire love of nature, built on the knowledge that the more people experience nature, the more they appreciate, love, and care for it*

1200hrs **Engaging with Millennials**

Panel discussion with:

Rachel Coyle, Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland

Anna Fleming, Education & Inclusion Officer, Cairngorms National Park Authority

Hendrikus van Hensbergen

Karen Keenleyside, National Science Advisor, Parks Canada

Richard Louv

Ignace Schops, President, EUROPARC

12:45hrs      **Lunch**

1400hrs  
to 1800hrs      **Workshop Sessions**  
&  
**Youth Workshop Sessions**

1900hrs      **Scottish inspired Dinner** sponsored by Highlands & Islands Enterprise and VisitScotland

## **THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

From 0800hrs      **Field Trips** hosted across the Cairngorms National Park  
Sponsored by Aberdeenshire Council

From 1900hrs      **Informal Dinner** in the Osprey Suite

**Films from the Mountain Film Festival** – selection of short films about adventures in the Scottish mountains in the Resort Cinema from 2000hrs

## **FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**

1000hrs      **John Swinney MSP**, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

1030hrs      **Conference Reflections**  
Hosted by Grant Moir,  
Chief Executive, Cairngorms National Park Authority

- Peter Cairns, nature and conservation photographer
- Dr Mike Cantlay OBE, Chair, Scottish Natural Heritage
- Stevie Christie, Head of Adventure, Wilderness Scotland
- Jen Green, Project Manager, Snow Roads

1145hrs      David Gardner, Director of Transmission,  
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

1205hrs      **Presentation of EUROPARC Youth Manifesto**

1230hrs      Closing Remarks from **Peter Argyle** Convener, Cairngorms National Park Authority Board

1240hrs      **EUROPARC Marketplace and Cairngorms Business Partnership Showcase**  
Lunch served from 1230hrs to 1400hrs

- 1400hrs                    **EUROPARC Federation Meeting of Mayors and Park Presidents**  
and other EUROPARC meetings
- 1800hrs                    **Drinks Reception** sponsored by Highland Council
- 1830hrs                    **EUROPARC Awards Ceremony**  
Hand over to EUROPARC 2019 hosts
- 1945hrs                    **Gala Dinner** sponsored by Highland Council  
Followed by a traditional Scottish ceilidh and disco