



**Scotland's Landscape Alliance** was formally launched on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 with the aim of collaborating to maximise the public benefits from Scotland's landscape and places whether economic, social, cultural or environmental and to gain public and political support for better care of landscape and place, ensuring a collective vision fit for the 21c and beyond. There are now 65 organisations represented in the Alliance which aims to co-operate on landscape issues at a national and international level in line with the standards set by the **European Landscape Convention** of the Council of Europe.

## News Update

This email is to keep you updated of our progress since the launch:-

### The Working Groups

1. Three Working Groups have been set up and have been busy during the summer:-
  - WG 1: Landscape for health
  - WG 2: Landscape and resilience to environmental challenges
  - WG 3: Landscape, land use and economy
2. A joint meeting between the three groups will take place early November to ensure a balanced approach and that the overarching principle of **landscape and placemaking** and the underpinning process of **stewardship and management of landscapes and place** has been considered in their work.
3. The initial outcomes of the Working Groups will be available early 2020. There will be an opportunity to reconvene as the SLA membership before the end of the initial process to review and sense check some of the groups work.
4. The aim is to publish the final recommendations report in spring 2020 outlining proposed regulatory, policy and other changes and delivery mechanisms to enhance public and environmental benefits from Scotland's landscapes and places.

### The SLA Executive Committee ongoing work

1. The Executive Committee are developing a website to share progress and raise awareness of the SLA to broader audiences. This should be live in the next month.
2. Further research is underway with a focus on technical policy review and implementation of existing strategy – this will inform the work of the working groups and will be shared with the wider Alliance and possibly beyond
3. We are grateful to have the support of Gillian Martin MSP and we are exploring opportunities to continue this relationship in her role as Convenor of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.
4. The EC will be undertaking public consultation/engagement during the process