

TOWARDS A CITIZENS' AGRICULTURAL POLICY



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Our food system is failing to support a healthy, well-nourished population, while driving dangerous climate change and destroying natural capital.

The Common Agricultural Policy is a colossal public policy intervention, using 39% of the EU budget and shaping the farming policies of Member States. It could drive improvements in public health, rural economies, and sustainable food and farming; but it doesn't. And it won't until our food system is governed **democratically** for the **common good**.

Nourish Scotland, in cooperation with ARC 2020, is organizing this event to gather citizens, farmers, civil society, and representatives from regions and cities to rethink the governance of food and farming policies in Europe and Scotland. To borrow a phrase from the current debate on land reform in Scotland, what would 'people –centred food governance' look like?



Confirmed speakers

Alyn Smith is a Scottish Member of the European Parliament & Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

David Barnes is Chief Agricultural Officer for Scotland.

Nora McKeon is a writer, lecturer and activist; she is a member of the Building Global Democracy Programme and former Civil Society Director at the UN Food & Agriculture Organization.

Patrick Mulvany is the Director of Kamayoq, a consultancy organization; a member of the Food Ethics Council; the Chair of the UK Food Group.

Pr. Bryan Wynne researches the public understanding of science, in particular the relations between expert and lay knowledge and policy decision-making; he is also a member of the London Royal Society's Committee on Science in Society.

Key themes

Thursday 22 October

Morning **IDEAS**

Identifying the issues the CAP must address and potential solutions

Afternoon **ACTORS**

Who should participate in shaping food policy?

Friday 23 October

Morning **ADVOCACY**

How can structures, processes and capacities for advocacy be strengthened?



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Front image: "We Are Fed Up" demonstration in Berlin, January 2015. These yearly demonstrations started in 2011 in the midst of the recent CAP reform. This 5th edition gathered 30 000 people. © Arc2020 (www.arc2020.eu)

Back image: 200 families visit the 2000m² food for one year plot at Whitmuir Community Farm to learn about what food can be grown in Scotland and try their hand at planting vegetables. © Jacek Hubner

