

Rural Economy & Regeneration Monday, 16th September 2024 13:30-15:30

AGENDA

- 13:25 Event Opens to Delegates
- 13:30 Welcome and Introduction to the RSN National Rural Conference Kerry Booth, Chief Executive, <u>Rural Services Network</u>
- 13:40 Katherine Lewis, National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise (NICRE) Research Engagement Manager, Royal Agricultural University Framing Rural - how can language help or hinder investment? Short Q&A with the speaker
- 14:00 <u>**Till Specht**</u>, Head of Funding Design & Strategy, <u>MHCLG</u> Next steps for local growth funding Short Q&A with the speaker
- 14:20 <u>Sarah Slaven</u>, Managing Director of Business, <u>Durham County Council</u> Science Parks: Catalysing Rural Economic Growth and Innovation Short Q&A with the speaker
- 14:40 Open Forum led by Kerry Booth, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network An opportunity for speakers and delegates to debate the challenges facing the rural economy & regeneration and potential solutions.
- 15:30 Close of Conference Session

