

**RSN Seminar: Rural Economy  
Online via Zoom  
11:00-13:00, Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Agenda**

- 11:00 **Welcome & Introduction to the topic of Rural Economy**  
[Kerry Booth](#), Chief Executive, Rural Services Network
- 11:05 **Ian Cass**, Managing Director, [Forum of Private Business](#)  
*The Importance of Micro Businesses to the Rural Economy*  
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 11.25 [Professor Mark Shucksmith OBE](#), Professor of Planning,  
[School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape, Newcastle University](#)  
*Rural Poverty Today: the policy challenges*  
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 11:45 [Kerry Booth](#), Chief Executive, [Rural Services Network](#)  
*Levelling up the Rural Economy*  
Short Q&A with the speaker
- 12:05 **Open forum discussion led by Kerry Booth, Chief Executive of RSN focusing on Rural Economy**  
Wider discussion with evidence and examples of Good Practice that members wish to share.
- 13:00 **Close of Seminar**  
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