

# Rural Strategy Roadshow, Warwick

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**Warwick Business School,**

**Room 3.006, Warwick University, Coventry, CV4 7AL**

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## Agenda

**11.00 - 11.30** Registration accompanied by tea & coffee on arrival

**11.30 - 11.40** Welcome by Graham Biggs, Chief Executive for Rural Services Network

### **PART 1: It's Time for a Rural Strategy Campaign**

**Why are the RSN and Partner Rural Organisations Calling for a Rural Strategy and What did the House of Lord's Select Committee on the Rural Economy say?**

**11.40 - 12.10** Time for a Rural Strategy  
Kerry Booth, Assistant Chief Executive of Rural Services Network

**12.10 - 12.35** Jeremy Leggett, Acre and Margaret Clarke, Rural Coalition  
Presentation on wider context of the Rural Strategy what has changed in recent months

**12.35 - 13.05** **Lunch and Networking**

**13.05 - 13.35** Graham Biggs, Rural Services Network  
What is the RSN proposing to do next to promote these issues

## **PART 2: How should we take things forward? Who should be involved? How do we make it happen?**

- 13.35 - 13.55** Professor Janet Dwyer, Professor of Rural Policy and Director of CCRI (Countryside and Community Research Institute), Gloucestershire University  
Presentation on National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise Initiative
- 13.55 - 14.20** **Discussion 1**
- If you could ask the Government for 2 things for rural areas, what would they (in priority order) be?
  - Do you support the general thrust of the RSN proposals for the way forward?
- 14.20 - 14.35** **Feedback to Plenary from Discussion 1**
- 14.35 - 14.45** **Short Break**
- 14.45 - 15.30** **Discussion 2**
- Are there particular regional perspectives from the Midlands we need to highlight in a Rural Strategy?
  - How would a Rural Strategy help the Midlands Region?
  - How can we work together to make this happen?
- 15.30 - 15.55** **Feedback to Plenary from Discussion 2**
- 15.55 - 16.30** General debate and Q&A session with representatives of the Partner Organisations
- 16.30** Closing comments and any other business