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Dear

**Second annual Local Food Group workshop  
13 and 14 December 2007, Ullapool**

Following on from the success of last year's workshop in Cromarty, I would like to invite you to our second annual Local Food Group workshop. This year's workshop is taking place in Ullapool and is hosted by Loch Broom and Ullapool Growers Group.

The workshop will be an informal meeting of local food production groups from across the Highlands and Islands, and is the annual opportunity to meet and share experience with other groups growing and selling local food from across the region. The programme is attached, and includes sessions on best practice, recent innovation, and collaborative working. Speakers include producers, producer groups, national researchers and agency contacts. There will be plenty of time for discussion.

The workshop runs from lunch on Thursday 13 December to lunch on 14 December, and accommodation and catering will be provided in Ullapool. The cost is £50 per person and we are limiting places to 2 people per group, so that as many groups as possible can attend.

I very much hope you will be able to attend, to share the experience and air views from your group. If you can please complete the attached booking form and return it to Gail at the address below, as soon as you can, that will help us get the event set-up.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop

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## **Workshop programme**

### ***Thursday 13 December 2007***

**12.00 Book-in**

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00 Technical session:**

- Polytunnels - how do I choose and erect them?
- Seedlings – should I buy or should I grow?
- Mechanisation – is field scale production for me?
- Q and A

**16.00 What's new session:**

- SRDP – can we use the new grants for local food?
- Crofter training – how do I prove I can do it?
- Local Food Apprenticeships – where are the new growers going to come from?
- Q and A

**19.00 Local Food dinner**

### ***Friday 14 December 2007***

**09.00 Collaborative business session:**

- Local distribution – what's available and what's missing?
- Local food link van – stop me and buy one?
- HILFN – do we need a joint trading company?
- Q and A

**11.00 The year ahead session:**

- Scottish developments in local food
- Highland developments in local food
- HILFN developments in local food
- discussion

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00 Depart**

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# Booking form

## Group details

Group name		
Contact person		
Contact person's address		
Contact person's email		
Group website		
Contact person's phone and mobile numbers	Phone	Mobile

## Workshop delegates

Names of people attending workshop	1	2
Their email addresses		
Their phone and mobile numbers	Phone	Mobile
Is accommodation required?		
Any special diets?		
Any other information we should know		

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for attending the workshop is £50 per person. Please enclose a cheque made payable to 'Highlands and Islands Local Food Network.'

Please send you completed form to Gail Stuart-Martin at the address below

We will confirm places and other details by email.