

Workshops on carbon foot printing for food and drink producers.

- Ayre Hotel, Kirkwall on Wednesday, 5th March at 9.30am
- Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway on Thursday, 13th March at 1.30pm
- The Aqualibrium Centre, Campbeltown on Monday, 17th March at 9.30am

Summary:

Many businesses are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of carbon footprinting and Highlands and Islands Food & Drink Forum wants to address this and help food and drink businesses gain a competitive advantage.



Description:

Until now there has been very little training available locally on the topic. The Forum now plans to run a series of carbon footprint workshops at various locations in the Highlands and Islands. Ecodyn, a leader in this field, will deliver the workshops at which you can learn about the definition of a carbon footprint, how it can be measured, and what steps you can take to reduce its size. The training is supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

The practice of carbon footprinting is going to become increasingly important. Whether through legislation or simply through increasing scarcity of a dwindling resource, energy prices are going to go up. Carbon footprinting allows you to identify the areas of vulnerability in your business, so that you can take action to reduce them. Carbon management is the ongoing process of identifying and reducing areas of high carbon-intensity processes and materials in the supply chain.

Forum co-ordinator Shona MacLennan said: "As with any significant change to the economy, those companies which position themselves to anticipate the change will be best placed to take advantage of it. These workshops are designed to give companies the chance to learn more about what it's all about." The half-day events will involve a combination of presentations and workshops.

The main topics will include the Draft Climate Change (Scotland) Bill; defining the scope of the carbon footprint for your product or service; gathering data about processes; calculating the footprint; and finally managing carbon.

Delegates are encouraged to bring along as much of their own data as possible, so that the workshop exercises can be carried out on their own processes.

Attendance costs £25 and should be booked by contacting Solas Events.

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The Highlands & Islands Food and Drink Forum is an industry-led initiative which is supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise. It aims to provide networking opportunities for the industry; to transfer knowledge to food and drink producers and to raise the profile of the industry.