

## Rebecka Steven - 2010 SURF Annual Conference: 24-25 March

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## SURF Annual Conference 2010: Sustaining and Reinventing Community Regeneration



**The 2010 SURF Annual Conference**  
 Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th March,  
 Edinburgh

Dear Kath,

**In a time of economic inactivity, dramatic reductions in public spending, and rising levels of unemployment and poverty, the focus of all our regeneration efforts should be on practical, pro-active and co-operative responses to the very real threat of degeneration across the board.**

The 2010 SURF Annual Conference will examine the real opportunities for sustaining and reinventing more sustainable community regeneration in this time of change.

This special two-day event, will take place in Edinburgh on the 24th and 25th March. Key speakers confirmed so far include:

- **Alex Neil MSP** *Scottish Government Minister*

### News & Events:

» **Scotregen 48** is the latest edition of Scotland's independent regeneration policy journal. In addition to the regular columns, features and reviews, it has a special focus on architecture and design in place-making.

SURF members will receive their copy in the post this week. An online version is available for download from the SURF website by [clicking here](#).

» **SURF Annual Lecture**  
 This month we circulated to members a transcript of the recent highly successful SURF Annual Lecture by Professor Kate Pickett, co-author of 'The Spirit Level'.

for Housing and Communities

- **Prof. Duncan MacLennan** *International expert on housing & regeneration (University of St. Andrew's)*
- **Prof. Greg Lloyd** *Professor of Urban Planning, University of Belfast*
- **Jim McFarlane** *Managing Director of Operations, Scottish Enterprise*
- **Dominic Munro** *Head of Communities Analytical Services, Scottish Government*

**Day One** (Wednesday 24th March), which will be delivered in co-operation with the University of Edinburgh's Public Policy Network, will link Scotland's academic resources with the regeneration challenges we all face.

**Day Two** (Thursday 25th March), which will take place in the city centre Roxburghe Hotel, will link the policy process to the real practice of delivering positive change in Scotland's disadvantaged communities.

You can 'be part of the solution' by participating in this key Scottish regeneration event and sharing your experience and ideas with regeneration colleagues from all sectors across Scotland.

Please [click here](#) for a full programme and details of how to book.



### Not a member?

If you are interested in getting more involved with the SURF network, [click here](#) to find out about the benefits of becoming a member.



### Future events

The SURF website includes a list of upcoming regeneration events in Scotland. Please [click here](#) for access.

This is also available for download from the SURF website by [clicking here](#).

#### » 2009 SURF Awards

The winning 2009 community regeneration projects received their SURF Award certificates from Alex Neil at a celebratory dinner in Glasgow last month. You can read about all of the shortlisted projects in last year's SURF Awards by [clicking here](#) to download a special publication from our website.

» **SNAP!** SURF can now cover the costs of voluntary community representatives that wish to attend SURF events through the SURF Network Access Programme (SNAP). To find out more, please [click here](#).

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