

Scotland's EIA Conference 2026

EIA: Innovation, Impact and Insight

Programme

09.15 Registration Opens

10.00: **Welcome and Chair's Opening - Josh Fothergill** (FothergillTC)

10.05: Opening Plenary: EIA & Associated Development: Post-Wull Muir Ruling

- **Neil Collar** (Brodies LLP) – The Wull Muir legal case and context
- **Josh Fothergill** (FothergillTC) – Developing SG guidance on Uncertainty in EIA

10.45: Q&A across Speakers

11.00: *Morning Coffee* [25min – Networking]

11.25 – Workshops: EIA: Innovation, Impact and Insights

Each workshop runs 3 times - 35min each time (e.g. 5min Intro, 25m activity, 5m summary)

Rd1 11.25 – 12.00 > Speakers rotate(5min) delegates stay in room >

Rd2 12.05 – 12.40

Main Room

EIA & CC – Updating Practice and Guidance
(Joanna Wright, LUC)

Breakout Rm2.2 (30max)

Effective use of AI and digital tools in EIA
(Chris Brodie, Haskoning)

Breakout Rm3.6 (30max)

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12.45: *Buffet Lunch & Networking* [50min]

13.40 **Final (3rd) running of the suite of workshops**

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14.20: Afternoon Panel: Meet the Authors: EIA Guide Interactions & Cumulative Effects

- **David Hoare** (RSK) and **Andy Ricketts** (Turley)

15.00: *Afternoon Tea* [25min – Networking]

15.25: Closing Plenary: Data Centres and EIA

- **Mike Hoy** (Pulsant) – Data centres in context
- **Gayle Black** and **Neil Purvis** (Lichfields) – EIA and data centres in Scotland

16.10: Q&A across Speakers

16.25 Chair's Summary (Josh Fothergill)

16.30: Close

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