



For the first time in 25 years, the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI) is holding a major event in London which will provide a platform for discussions about the future of rural areas and their growing connection to urban environments.

The Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI), is a unique partnership between the University of Gloucestershire, the Royal Agricultural University and Hartpury College. It is the largest specialist rural research centre in the UK, having expertise in all aspects of research in policy and planning for the countryside and the environment of the UK, Europe and further afield.

The conference - entitled 'Countryside Values in the 21st Century' - will consider how topics once confined to the countryside have become topics of wider and more pressing societal concern, such as farming and food supply, environment and climate management, and sustaining local economies and services.

Organiser Dr Matt Reed said: "It will reflect on the multiple needs that 21st century society seeks to meet from the countryside, including food, energy, materials and medicines as well as recreation, leisure and residence, and to share ideas and experience about how it could and will respond.

"The conference will also present a unique opportunity for rural policy and decision makers, stakeholders and researchers to come together to discuss and debate contemporary rural topics based around evidence from CCRI's latest research."

The conference is taking place on 22 January 2015 at the Royal Society in London.

The cost of attending this full-day conference, including lunch and refreshments, is £145.00. A special discounted rate of £75 is available for students, local government and charity organisations for bookings made before 12 December 2014.

If you have any questions about the conference, please let me know. Alternatively, Dr Matt Reed, the organiser, can be contacted on tel. +44 (0) 1242 714138. Email: mreed@glos.ac.uk
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