



7th Rural Entrepreneurship Conference

Rural Enterprise in a Recession

Call for Papers

The University of the West of Scotland, Dumfries Campus is pleased to announce that the 7th Rural Entrepreneurship Conference will be sponsored by *The Commission for Rural Communities* and will be run in collaboration with the *University of Cumbria* and the *Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency (CREA)* on:

Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May 2009

The Conference main venue will be the innovative *Rhedged Centre*, near Penrith, which provides a special, award-winning distinctive venue within rural Cumbria, yet easily accessible for delegates.

The Conference Committee invites researchers, consultants and policy organisations to submit an abstract of no more than 500 words to: david.deakins@uws.ac.uk, or to Professor David Deakins, University of the West of Scotland, Dumfries Campus, Dumfries, DG1 4ZN, **by 28 February 2009**

The **main theme** of the Conference will be:

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Abstracts are welcome that addresses the main theme. A number of sub-themes are given, for which abstracts are also sought, which are listed as follows.

Sub-Themes

- 1. Rural Entrepreneurship, Innovation and e-business***
- 2. Business incubation and nurturing rural entrepreneurs, including social and female entrepreneurship***
- 3. Shaping the policy agenda including rural communities and social enterprise***
- 4. Entrepreneurship in the rural environment, including land-based, tourism, manufacturing, public and service sectors***
- 5. Encouraging and motivating entrepreneurs***

The organisers will particularly welcome submissions on the link between research and policy.

Further information on the conference will be available at: <http://www.browne.org.uk>, which will host the conference website