HIGHLAND ARCHAEOLOGY FESTIVAL 2025 **CONFERENCE**

**Saturday 27th September**

**Chair: Alison Sheridan, National Museums of Scotland**

09:00 – 09:30*Registration / tea and coffee / browse the display stands*

09:30 – 09:35 Introductions and Housekeeping

09:35 – 09:55 **Roundhouses, Barrows and Metalworking Furnaces:**

**Recent Excavations at Windhill, Muir of Ord**

Steven Birch, West Coast Archaeology Services

09:55 – 10:15 **Up and Over - surveying the high pass to Applecross**

 Lachlan McKeggie, Highland Archaeology Services

10:15 – 10:35 **Untangling the knot of the Rosemarkie Bronze Age Hoard**

Rachel Buckley, GUARD Archaeology Ltd

10:35 – 10:50 *Discussion and questions*

10:50 – 11:20*Break / Tea and coffee*

11:20 – 11:40 **The Inverness City Heritage Trust**

Jennifer Henderson, Inverness City Heritage Trust

11:40 – 12:00 **Out of the Ashes: Discovering Medieval Inverness through the analysis of Artefacts and Structures at 99 Church Street**

 Lindsey Stirling, AOC Archaeology Group

12:00 – 12:20 **Community Excavations at Achtercairn, Gairloch: a multi-period story**

Tom Gardner, Gairloch Museum

12:20 – 12:40 **Treasure Trove Unit: recent finds from Highland**

Emily Freeman, Treasure Trove Scotland

12:40 – 13:00 *Discussion and questions*

13:00 – 14:15 *Lunch / browse the display stands / poster sessions*

14:15 – 15:15 **An Afternoon of Research with the University of Highlands and Islands**

Martin Curruthers; Rick Barton; Holly Young

15:15 – 15:45 *Break – Tea/Coffee*

15:45 – 16:45 **An Afternoon of Research with the University of Highlands and Island cont.**

Ben Elliot; Scott Timpany

16:45 – 17:05 *Final discussion and questions. CLOSE.*

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**Sunday 28th September**

**Chair: Darroch Bratt, Historic Environment Scotland**

09:30 – 10:00*Registration / tea and coffee / browse the display stands*

10:00 – 10:05 *Introductions and housekeeping*

10:05 – 10:45 **The Late Bronze Age horse-hair hat from Kirtomy: Scotland's earliest recognisable garment!**

Alison Sheridan, Susanna Harris and Lilja Husmo

10:45 – 11:05 **Prehistoric Pioneers: Scotland’s Earliest Megalithic Monuments Project**

Phil Richardson, Archaeology Scotland

11:05 – 11:15*Discussion and questions*

11:15 – 11:55*Break / Tea and coffee*

11:55 – 12:15 **An update on Excavations at Castle Stuart**

 Andrew Young, Avon Archaeology

12:15 – 12:35 **Agrum qui Airchartdan nuncupatur: Evidence for early ecclesiastical activity in Urquhart, the Aird and Strathglass**

Fiona Campbell-Howes, University of Glasgow

12:35 – 12:55 **Shedding new light on Burghead’s Citadels – recent excavations by University of Aberdeen’s Northern Picts Project**

Elinor Graham, University of Aberdeen

12:55 – 13:10 *Discussion and questions*

13:10 – 14:25 *Lunch / browse the display stands / poster sessions*

14:25 – 14:45 **The NOSAS Crannogs Project**

 Richard Guest, NOSAS

14:45 – 15:05 **Through the Etched Glass: A View into the Past**

Alice Connelly, National Trust for Scotland

15:05 – 15:25 **Preparing for Liberation: The Norwegian Army in the Highlands in WWII**

 Susan Kruse, ARCH

15:25 – 15:45 **New Additions to the Highland Historic Environment Record**

 Ian Scrivener-Lindley, Highland Council

15:45 – 16:05 *Discussion and questions, CLOSE*