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**Population and Migration
Statistics 2015 Conference:**

**SCOTLAND'S PEOPLE & PLACES:
LOOKING FORWARD**

Overview of conference sessions

1 December 2015

9:30am to 4:00pm

Edinburgh Zoo

09:30 – 10:00	Registration and coffee	Budongo Trail
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome from Tim Ellis, National Records of Scotland	Budongo Trail Lecture Theatre
10:15 – 11:00	Scotland's Census 2021: an overview of the key benefits and learning from Scotland's Census 2011 and introducing key elements of the design for 2021, including the use of admin data and how we strive to understand user needs. Amy Wilson	Budongo Trail Lecture Theatre
11:00 – 11:20	Tea & coffee	Mansion House
11:20 – 12:25	Scotland's Census 2021 - Parallel Workshops <i>These workshops will run twice in this session</i> 1 & 4) 2021 Topic Consultation 2 & 5) A 'predominantly online census' 3 & 6) What other lessons should we learn?	Mansion House
12:25 – 13:20	Lunch & Poster Session	Mansion House
13:20 – 13:50	Scotland's demography: an overview of Scotland's demography and the latest population projections at national, sub-national and small areas by Kirsty MacLachlan and Esta Clark.	Budongo Trail Lecture Theatre
13:50 – 14:10	Data Linkage: an introduction to the Scottish Informatics Linkage Collaboration (SILC) by Gerry Donnelly.	Budongo Trail Lecture Theatre
14:10 – 14:30	Tea & Coffee	Mansion House
14:30 – 15:05	Demographic Statistics – Parallel Workshops 7) Case studies: the use of population projections 8) The Open Data Publishing Platform 9) Infographics and Data visualisations	Mansion House
15:10 – 15:45	SILC - Parallel Workshops 10) Data Linkage speed dating 11) Data Linkage: separation of functions in action 12) SLS case studies: using linked data	Mansion House
15:45	Close - Winter warmers: Tea, coffee, mulled drinks and mince pies	Mansion House

Parallel Workshops:

These workshop sessions will be running in parallel throughout the day. Please refer to the numbers on your name badge and attend these sessions.

Scotland's Census 2021

These workshops will run twice in this session and delegates will have the opportunity to attend **two** of the three workshops:

2021 Topic Consultation - Sessions 1 & 4 - Gillespie

Kirsty MacLean and Anneli Lyon will lead this workshop building on the information provided in the earlier presentation about the 2021 topic consultation. It will briefly touch on NRS' initial views on the potential topics offering participants the opportunity to reflect on those views.

A 'predominantly online census' – opportunities and challenges – Sessions 2 & 5 - MacMillan

Thomas Robertson and Alex Stannard will host this workshop following on from the morning's presentation on Scotland's Census 2021 high level design. In particular, participants will be invited to discuss and offer views on the opportunities and challenges raised by conducting the next census predominantly online.

What other lessons should we learn? - Sessions 3 & 6 - Salveson

Celia MacIntyre and Tom Wallace will seek views and discussion on the high level successes and challenges identified in relation to Scotland's Census 2011 (further information is available from Scotland's Census 2011 General Report). Participants will be invited to discuss those identified but, importantly, will be offered the opportunity to highlight any others that NRS should consider as we plan Scotland's Census 2021.

Demographic Statistics

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend **one** of the following workshops:

Case studies: the use of population projections - Session 7 - Gillespie

Esta Clark will lead a discussion around the use of population projections in the Scottish Government with examples from David Horn (fiscal modelling) and Paudric Osbourne (health).

The Open Data Publishing Platform - Session 8 - Salveson

Gregor Boyd will take you through the Open Data Publishing Platform currently under development at <http://statisticsbeta.com/>. We'll talk about our vision for making the data behind our statistics open so that people can re-use it. We want your feedback to help us continue to make improvements to the site. We plan to launch at the beginning of February 2016. Over the next month we'll be making regular updates to improve user experience and add new functionality.

Infographics and Data visualisations - Session 9 - MacMillan

Esther Roughsedge will talk about what NRS currently does in terms of visualisations, infographics and Twitter, and share tips and advice. We would also welcome discussion about how useful you find this and anything in particular you would like us to do.

SILC - Parallel Workshops

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend **one** of the following workshops:

Data Linkage speed dating - Session 10 - Salveson

In pairs, participants will have five minutes to come up with an idea for a linkage project based on the data that they have (or would like). After five minutes they will move on and do the same again. Don't worry if you don't have any data – it will be an opportunity to find out what data others have.

Data Linkage: separation of functions in action - Session 11 - Gillespie

Come and find out how data linkage will be carried out in practice to maintain privacy. Participants will be given a role (data controller, indexer, linker, researcher etc.) and taken through various steps. The aim is to give a better understanding of how the model works.

SLS case studies: using linked data - Session 12 - MacMillan

Come and learn about the steps involved in carrying out a research project using linked data from the Scottish Longitudinal Study (SLS).