



UNICREDS Conference
Can Universities Benefit Rural Communities?
'Harnessing the opportunity for Universities to drive
smart specialisation in regional development'

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig
Tuesday 7th June 2011
1430-1830

- 1430** *Welcome speeches*
James Fraser, Principal, University of the Highlands and Islands
Professor Boyd Robertson, Principal, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig
Scottish Government representative (TBC after 5th May election)
- 1450** *Key note 1: University-business partnerships in a regional economy*
Peter Baur, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture, European
Commission (TBC)
- 1515** *Key note 2: Benefits of higher education for regional development*
Norman Sharp, Former director QAA Scotland
- 1545** Tea and Coffee break
- 1615** *Panel debate*
Embedding Economic and Community Benefits of higher education:
a stakeholder perspective

Willy Roe, Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Stuart Black, Director of Planning and Development, The Highland Council
James Fraser, Principal, University of the Highlands and Islands
Nathan Shields, President UHI Students' Association
Chair: Catherine Leyson, University of Exeter
- 1700** *Case study South Bohemia, Czech Republic*
Eva Cudlinova, University of South Bohemia
- 1720** *Case study Cornwall, United Kingdom*
Sue Brownlow, Director Combined Universities in Cornwall
- 1745** Closing remarks
Nigel Hewitt, Combined Universities in Cornwall
- 1800** Conference closes