



Environmental and Waste Management Group

Autumn Round Up October, 2019

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IOSH West of Scotland EWMG News

EWM Group members are invited to propose topics of interest suitable for future presentations and joint events;

Suggestions to; Branch Secretary link on the IOSH West of Scotland Branch Homepage

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During the preceding weeks and months a number of articles from various sources were reviewed and the most pertinent to the Environmental and Waste Management Group are included in the following slides.

The intended outcome is to share those items of potentially significant interest with EWM group members and the wider IOSH branch members. Links are included where available for those who desire further details. While any commentary is merely an outline of information it is not verbatim and must be regarded thus.

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Future Events

9 to 19 November 2020, Glasgow will host the United Nation Climate Change Conference of Parties (CoP) 26, the 3rd such event following the Paris Agreement.

30, 000 will visit the CoP at the Scottish Events Centre (SEC) over 10 days, where climate change progress will be discussed and actions will be ratified

Supported not just by Scottish and UK governments, European and Global organisations supported and t endorsed Glasgow as the host city for this event.

More information is on the UN website <https://unfccc.int/news/united-kingdom-in-partnership-with-italy-to-host-cop-26/cmp-16/cma-3>



Scottish Events Campus includes the Armadillo and the SSE Hydro



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Future Legislation

Plant Health Updates related to sales of Oak Saplings, due to infestation of Processionary Oak Moth Caterpillar which is harmful to health. Legislation applies across the UK. <https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/latest-news/oak-processionary-moth-new-national-measures/#:~:targetText=Oak%20Processionary%20Moth%20%2D%20New%20National%20Measures,-Home&targetText=The%20legislation%20applies%20to%20oak,collar%20of%208cm%20or%20more.&targetText=The%20legislation%20prohibits%20the%20movement,u nless%20specific%20conditions%20are%20met..>

Climate Change Impacts on human health. IEMA West of Scotland Steering Group held a Climate Emergency event in Glasgow in October. The key message from the NHS presenter was how the Lancet, medical sector publication identified in 2009 that climate change was the biggest risk to human health.

The medical profession have since identified that if tackled properly, mitigation of those aspects is the biggest opportunity to improve climate related health impacts.

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SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

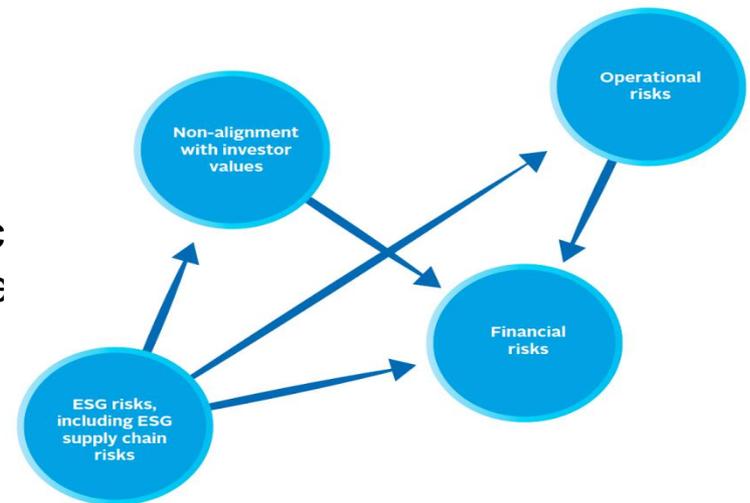
In 2020, organisations that require investor funding in ALL G20 countries will need to commence new reporting of their Environmental and Social Responsibility Performance to an International Body. The G20 countries have all signed up to this.

Why is that important to your organisation? Investors will be more selective

Principles of Responsible Investment (PRI) will drive investment decisions

Failure to ensure positive governance could result in Loss of the Operating Licence (Social) for public & private bodies if the supply chain are found to be working unethically.

It will be a requirement to ensure transparent supply chain provision (e.g. Modern Slavery Act amendment, etc.)



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Changes to Forestry Management in Scotland

Forestry was devolved to the Scottish Government & new legislation was introduced in 2018 to reflect this change.

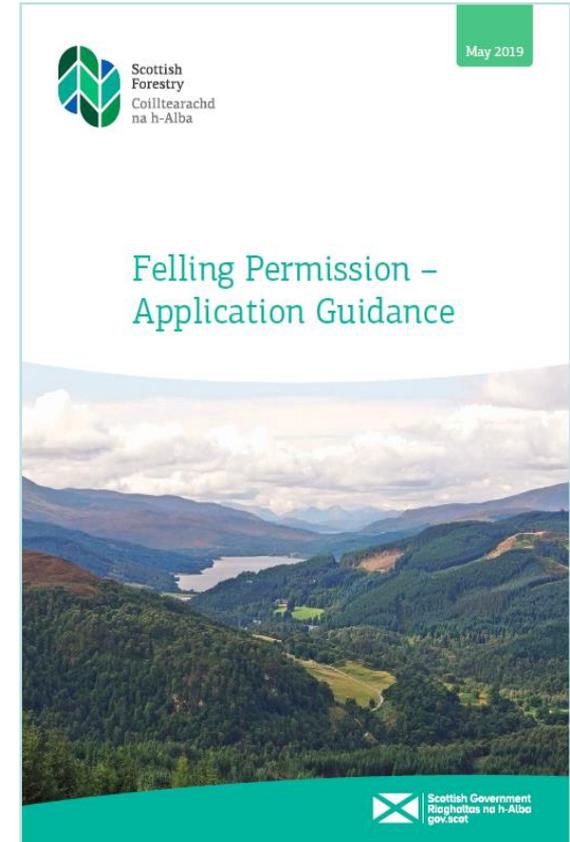
The former Forestry Commission is now 'Forestry Scotland' and this year has published pertinent

<https://forestry.gov.scot/support-regulations/felling-permissions>

What does that mean for your organisation?

If a Statutory Undertaker some exemptions will exist but not on 3rd party land. Advance Felling Permission / re-stocking will be required. Constraints & mitigation will need to be assessed & applied, in agreement with other parties, including but not limited to;

Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), notable individual trees (historic importance / granny pines, etc.), SSSIs, nesting birds, European Protected Species, etc.



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