

**Rural Services Network
Academic Network Meeting – 8 July**

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AGENDA

Morning Session (11.30-1.00pm)

‘RDPE: cross-axes working and integrated rural development’

Rebecca Frost, Programme Manager (UK National Rural Network and RDPE Network), Commission for Rural Communities

- 11.30 Introduction to the RDPE Network
- 11.40 What are your interests in and/or role in RDPE? (Facilitated discussion)
- 11.55 What does integration in the RDPE mean to you? (Facilitated discussion)
- 12.15 Your examples and experience of integration in the RDPE? (Facilitated discussion)
- 12.30 Specific RDPE related themes that you are interested in sharing experience and practice around? (Facilitated discussion)
- 12.45 Practical RDPE Network activities that would be of most value to you to support further integration in the RDPE? (Facilitated discussion)
- 12.55 Conclusions

Afternoon Session (1.15-2.30pm)

‘Neighborhood level governance in rural areas: can parish councils deliver?’

Andrew Jones, Policy Analyst, Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) and Local Economy Policy Unit (Lepu) London South Bank University

'Illicit enterprise in the rural'

Dr Gerard McElwee, Reader in Rural Enterprise, Lincoln Business School,
University of Lincoln

'Social enterprise activity in East Riding of Yorkshire and OECD Rural Policy
Review'

Ivan Annibal, Managing Director, Globe Regeneration

Open floor - research and policy round-up / new projects