



AGI Scotland Annual Conference 2026

Our Land Matters

Unlocking landscape potential through geospatial innovation

Tuesday 24 February 2026
Radisson Blu, Glasgow

08:45 - 09:30	Registration and Networking
09:30 - 09:35	Welcome Bruce Gittings AGI Scotland Chair
Session 1 Chair: Amelia Baptie, AGI Scotland Group Member	
09:30 - 10:10	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Andy Wightman <i>Land Administration and Data to support land governance and land reform</i>
10:10 - 10:25	Richard Flemmings, AGI Foresight Report Lead <i>AGI Foresight Report</i>
10:25 - 10:45	Mhairi Robertson, Savills and John Martin, Registers of Scotland <i>Unlocking Centuries of Land Data: how Registers of Scotland's project to digitally visualise the sasine register is contributing to the delivery of major infrastructure projects</i>
10:45 - 10:55	Introducing our Sponsors: Adam Hankinson - Ardent, Samantha Yates - Esri UK, Alan Moore - Idox Geospatial, Brian McIntyre - Informed Solutions and Dom Cuthbert - Ordnance Survey
10:55 - 11:20	Refreshments and Networking
Session 2 Chair: Dr Michael Groves, AGI Scotland Group Member	
11:20 - 11:40	Ross McDonald, SSEN Transmission <i>Geospatial innovation at SSEN Transmission</i>
11:40 - 12:00	Peter Green, Crown Estate Scotland and Magdalena Low, Ordnance Survey <i>Asset Insight Revolution: Optimising the Scottish Crown Estate with OS National Geographic Database</i>
12:00 - 12:20	Andy Gasiorowski, Public Health Scotland <i>Healing Landscapes: How developing a deeper understanding of the composition and biodiversity of the NHS Estate can improve the health outcomes of our country</i>
12:20 - 12:40	Professor Caroline Nichol and Dr Annie Yang, University of Edinburgh <i>Monitoring landscape restoration using ultra high-resolution aerial data</i>
12:40 - 13:00	Athanasios Daravanis and David McAllister, Glasgow City Council <i>An introduction to the Environmental Digital Twin project for Glasgow City Council</i>
13:00 - 13:50	Refreshments and Networking
Session 3 - Chair: Murray Roden, AGI Scotland Group Member	
13:50 - 14:10	Professor Simon Mudd, University of Edinburgh <i>Applications of Scotland's national lidar program across geomorphology, hydrology, forestry and erosion risk</i>
14:10 - 14:30	Donya Davidson, NatureScot <i>NatureScot's Natural Capital Tool - Tackling the Nature Crisis through data</i>
14:30 - 14:50	Phil Rees and Sam West, Dalcour Maclaren <i>Optimising Routes, Minimising Impact: GIS in Action on the Strathroy Windfarm Connection</i>
14:50 - 15:10	Suzanne Hyde, Brindley Associate <i>The Role of Geospatial Data in Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment</i>
15:10 - 15:30	Refreshments and Networking
Session 4 - Chair: Annie Ankers, AGI Scotland Conference Lead	
15:30 - 16:20	Panel Session Chair: Richard Flemmings - AGI Foresight Report Lead Anna Hill - EDINA, Mike Kerr - Scottish Forestry, Ashley Stewart - Location Data Scotland and Wendy Ritson - AtkinsRéalis
16:20 - 16:55	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Professor Dame Lorna Dawson <i>Natural Justice: Helping to answer the where question from crime scene to court</i>
16:55 - 17:00	Event Close: Annie Ankers, AGI Scotland Conference Lead

Keynote Speakers



Andy Wightman

Andy is a writer and researcher focussing on land ownership and governance. He is the author of publications including *Who Owns Scotland* (1996), *Scotland: Land and Power* (1999) and *The Poor Had No Lawyers* (first published 2010) (New edition out November 2024). He runs the www.whoownsscotland.org.uk project. From 2016 to 2021, Andy was a Member of the Scottish Parliament. He writes a popular blog at www.andywightman.scot



Professor Dame Lorna Dawson

Lorna Dawson BSc (hons) Geography, Edinburgh University, PhD Soil Science, Aberdeen University, is Head of the Centre for Forensic Soil Science at James Hutton Institute, Honorary Professor at Robert Gordon University, and Professora CESPU, Portugal. She is a Chartered Scientist, Fellow of the Institute of British Soil Scientists, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Fellow of the Royal Institute of Biology and Fellow of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society.

Our Speakers



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Ardent delivering nationally significant projects across the UK and Ireland

Ardent is one of the UK and Ireland's leading providers of land, consent management, and stakeholder engagement services, supporting the delivery of major infrastructure and regeneration projects across the transport, renewables, utilities, and development sectors. Working at the forefront of infrastructure delivery, Ardent combines deep sector knowledge with technical excellence to help clients navigate complex project lifecycles, from early feasibility and planning through to construction and delivery.

Ardent has played a key role in delivering nationally significant projects across the UK and Ireland, supporting over 100 Development Consent Order (DCO) applications and major infrastructure schemes. The business works collaboratively with clients, partners, and communities to help deliver projects that support net zero ambitions, improve connectivity, and enable sustainable economic growth.

Driven by a unified purpose of delivering life-improving change for communities and future generations, Ardent's integrated approach ensures projects go beyond process-driven delivery, providing strategic insight and practical solutions that add value at every stage of the project lifecycle.



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Transformative power of geospatial technology to drive positive change

At Esri UK, we believe in the transformative power of geospatial technology to drive positive change across society, the environment and our land. As the authority in geospatial information systems (GIS), we are committed to forging technological advancements that will shape the future of our rapidly changing world. Using location as the common language, leading organisations harness our technology to seamlessly bring together data from disparate sources, to gain insights and inform action. Esri's world leading cutting-edge solutions are driving innovation and supporting sustainable development. In Scotland and across the UK, Esri's geospatial technology is proving essential for realising the full potential of our landscape, enabling the analysis of interrelated spatial data that reveals the true value of our land.

Harnessing a combination of maps, data and analytics, Esri UK enables organisations to unlock the location information in their data to see the world in a smarter way, identify efficiencies and enable rapid and sustainable decision making.

Our solutions make sense of complexity and model the world from a geographic perspective that recognises the importance of place in improving people's lives and growing successful businesses.

Being at the forefront of geospatial technology innovation and with many of our customers leading the way with tackling the most challenging issues of our time, we see the AGI and the recent Foresight report as an important initiative to explore the huge potential of geographic information for the future of the UK and the wider world. We are very pleased therefore to be supporting the AGI in this visionary work.



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Idox for Geospatial Advantage

At Idox, we build solutions that inform and transform. As one of the UK's leading geospatial providers, we know that location data is the foundation of better decisions - which is why it's a core pillar of our business and the driving force behind Idox Geospatial.

Idox Geospatial brings together some of the UK's most trusted specialists - Emapsite, Exegesis, LandHawk, and thinkWhere - delivering a full suite of location data, geospatial software, and professional services. Our solutions turn complex information into clear insight, helping organisations understand the risks, opportunities, and patterns that shape their world.

Whether supporting sustainable planning, infrastructure delivery, environmental management, or public service transformation, we empower customers to make confident, informed decisions that drive real results.

Please visit our exhibition stand at the Raddison Blu Hotel to meet the Idox Geospatial team, explore our latest innovations, and discover how our location data, software, and services are empowering smarter, faster, and more sustainable decision-making.



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Informed Solutions: Transforming Sustainable Land Management in Scotland Through Geospatial Innovation

As geospatial data becomes richer, faster to access, and increasingly intelligent, Scotland has an unprecedented opportunity to make better land and place-based decisions that support sustainable growth, climate resilience, and inclusive communities.

At Informed Solutions we specialise in delivering enterprise-scale geospatial platforms for environment and sustainable land management organisations. Our focus is on embedding spatial intelligence directly into everyday business workflows, empowering non-expert users to confidently access, interpret, and act on decision-ready location data. Two of our flagship platforms are now fully deployed at NatureScot, supporting sustainable land management across Scotland.

InformedDECISION™ has transformed regulatory decision-making for applications on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). The platform combines AI assistance, geospatial case management, location-based intelligence, and workflow automation to bring together information from multiple legacy systems. Intelligent form submission, automated case summarisation, prioritisation, and routing give case officers faster access to relevant, high-quality information, while secure natural-language search enables rapid identification of precedents, past applications, and supporting evidence. Rolled out nationally, InformedDECISION™ has delivered a 40–85% reduction in average decision times and won the Digital Award at the 2024 Scottish Planning Innovation Awards.

InformedINSIGHT™ is a cloud-native geospatial intelligence platform that has transformed how NatureScot monitors and manages Scotland's protected areas. Built on advanced GIS and Earth Observation technologies, it integrates satellite imagery, LiDAR, drone surveys, eDNA, in-field sensors, and existing environmental datasets into a single spatial view. Using geospatial analytics and automated change detection, it delivers live, map-based insights that support prioritisation, risk identification, and evidence-based decisions. Co-designed with NatureScot, the platform supports Scotland's UN 30x30 biodiversity goals and has driven a projected 45–60% reduction in monitoring programme costs, earning the 2025 AGI Environment and Sustainability Award.

As proud Gold Sponsors of the AGI Scotland Conference 2026, we look forward to connecting with delegates to explore the future of geospatial innovation and share how we help organisations turn location data into high-trust, high-impact outcomes.





Driving the Future of Geospatial Insights

Ordnance Survey (OS) is Great Britain's National Mapping Service, providing the trusted location data that underpins everyday life. From transport and utilities to housing and logistics, our data supports critical infrastructure, public services, and economic growth.

We maintain the National Map, a vast database of over 600 million geospatial features, updated 20,000 times a day. Our expertise in location intelligence helps businesses, government, and communities make smarter decisions whether planning sustainable cities, managing climate risks, or improving connectivity — because everything happens somewhere.

As part of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), we are driving the future of geospatial insights, ensuring Britain remains a leader in location data, and enabling a better-connected, more efficient and resilient nation.



Ordnance Survey



Empower Your Business with Future-proof Geospatial Solutions

At Avineon Tensing, we ensure your geospatial data management is ready for the future. Our team of GIS, FME and data engineering specialists delivers innovative, scalable solutions, providing continuous support for evolving formats and standards.

We transform your data into a strategic advantage, driving smarter decisions and measurable outcomes.

With over 30 years of combined technical expertise, we integrate complex datasets, develop sophisticated pipelines for cloud and hybrid environments and champion data orchestration and automation.

From our European offices, including London, UK, we partner closely with you from initial concept through to long-term maintenance.

We utilise advanced approaches, such as no-code/low-code integration and Generative AI for unstructured data clarity, to streamline your workflows and keep your organisation well ahead of the curve.



AVINEON TENSING



The UK's Leading Aerial Survey Company

Bluesky International, a Woolpert Company, is an aerial survey and geographic data company, producing and maintaining digital aerial photography and height data across Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland. Bluesky also conducts bespoke surveys, including LiDAR, for industries such as financial services, utilities, telecoms, insurance, construction and environment.

As the UK Government's chosen supplier for aerial photography and height data through the APGB contract (Lot 1), Bluesky serves all public sector organisations.

Bluesky operates advanced aircraft and sensors, including Ultracam Eagle Mark 3s, Leica TerrainMapper 2, and Leica CityMapper 2s, enabling the collection of vertical and oblique imagery, and LiDAR data. Their innovative approach has led to the development and creation of unique products like the National Tree Map™, National Hedgerow Map™, and MetroVista™ 3D mesh models.

Bluesky was acquired by Woolpert in 2025. It has offices in the UK, US, Republic of Ireland, and production centres in India.





Empowering entrepreneurs to use geospatial and property data effectively

Geovation Scotland is an entrepreneurial support organisation working with early-stage startups that use location and/or property data to drive new ideas and solutions. A collaboration between Registers of Scotland and Ordnance Survey, we offer founders targeted support to help them develop and strengthen their products.

Our accelerator programme provides practical guidance across core areas of startup development, including product design, data access, technical mentoring, sales, marketing, pitching and commercial strategy. Participants also benefit from valuable industry connections, expert workshops, a collaborative community and up to £15k of funding.

Our mission is to make Scotland the best place to build property and location data-driven businesses. By empowering entrepreneurs to use geospatial and property data effectively, we help nurture companies that create positive impact for people, places, and the wider economy.

