



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY RPLC R&E GRANT

S. ASHLEIGH WEEDEN, 2019

The support of the RPLC R&E Grant (in combination with support from the School of Environmental Design & Rural Development, the University of Guelph, and Scotland's Rural College) enabled me to pursue and complete the following research and knowledge mobilization activities¹ directly related to my research in Scotland:

- Research socialization: CRRF/NAF Conference 2019 (St. John's, Newfoundland, October 2019)
- Visiting Researcher: Scotland's Rural College, University of Edinburgh (October-December 2019)
- Research meetings: Scottish Government (as part of SRUC Rural Policy Centre team) (October 14, 2019)
- Beyond Words: 2019 Scottish International Storytelling Festival - Canada-Scotland: Coast to Coast (October 19, 20, 26, 2019)
- European Policies Research Centre (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow) - Seminar: "Rural areas for young people: policy responses from Italy and Scotland" - participant (October 25, 2019)
- Edinburgh Agricultural Economics Discussion Circle - participant (October 28, 2019)
- Presentation to the Scottish Parliament's Cross-Party Group on Rural Policy (October 29, 2019)
- Visiting Researcher: James Hutton Institute (November 4-7, 2019)
- Rural Enterprise in Scotland Workshop - participant (as part of SRUC Rural Policy Centre team) (November 12, 2019)
- Poster presentation: Scottish Consortium for Rural Research (Inverness, November 13, 2019)
- Research meetings: Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) - Inverness (November 14, 2019)
- Research meetings: University of the Highlands and Islands, Inverness College (November 14, 2019)
- Research meetings: University of the Highlands and Islands, Orkney (November 19-20, 2019)
- Research meetings: HIE (Thurso), November 20, 2019
- Presentation at the European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde (December 4, 2019)
- Research meetings: Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University (December 9, 2019)
- Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group on Rural Policy - participant (December 10, 2019)
- RPLC Webinar: [Bridging Place and Policy in Divisive Times](#) (November 19, 2019)

¹ Please note that this list is not exhaustive, but represents significant events/activities



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Research Centres

- Scotland's Rural College, University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, Scotland)
- The James Hutton Institute (Aberdeen, Scotland)
- Centre for Rural Economy, Newcastle University (Newcastle, England)
- University of the Highlands and Islands
 - Inverness College
 - Orkney Island
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise
 - Inverness
 - Thurso
- European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland)

Map of Places Visited²

[Click here to view a map](#) that highlights my familiarization with rural Scotland (**note that I am still mapping/processing digital versions of my written notes on the linkages/routes taken*).

Products Developed

- Reflections on place-based policy (separate document)
- European Policies Research Centre presentation (separate slide deck)
- RPLC Webinar: [Bridging Place and Policy in Divisive Times](#) (November 19, 2019)
- Contributions to research brief on repopulation of Scottish Islands (Rural Policy Centre project for the Scottish Government)

Forthcoming Products

- Doctoral dissertation - SEDRD, University of Guelph (anticipated September 2021)
- Policy briefs (anticipated September 2020)
 - Comparative international rural policy
 - Place-based policy
 - Rural innovation
- Video reflections (anticipated June 2020)

² Please note that this represents my best efforts to capture the different communities visited in my nearly 2500km of travelling.