# A Manifesto for Rural and Island Scotland

Virtual Scottish
**Rural Parliament**
Pàrlamaid Dhùthchail na h-Alba 2021

We held the **first ever**

Scottish Rural Parliament in Oban in 2014.

**400 people** attended to help shape rural and island policy.

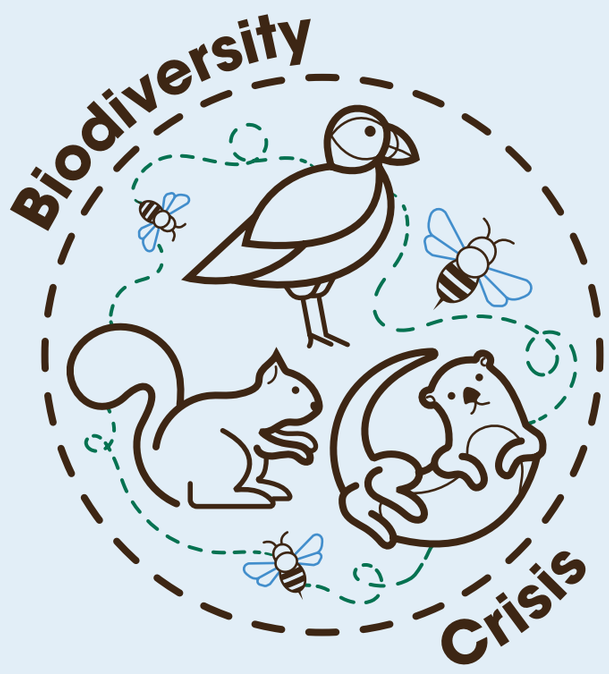
**Since then, we held three more Rural Parliaments.**

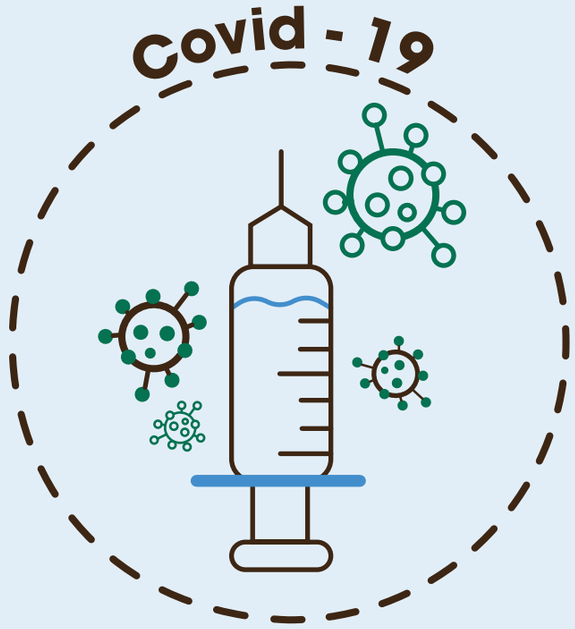
**The 2021 Rural Parliament took place online.**

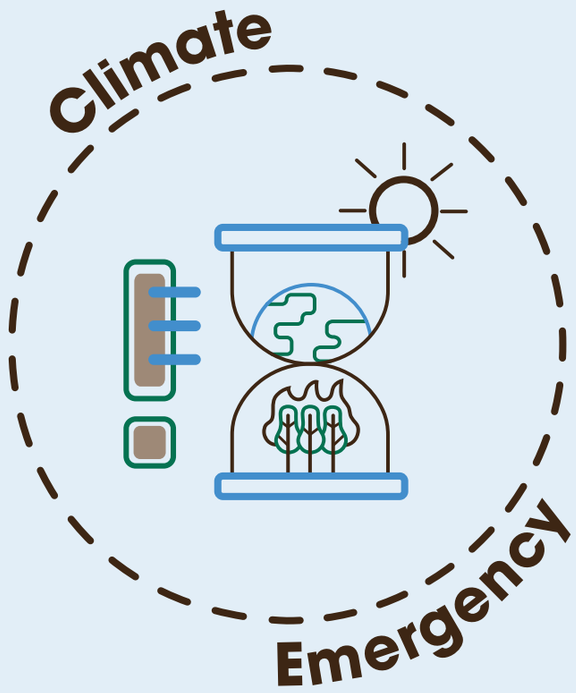
**Over 1,500 people participated.**

**The 2021 Rural Parliament debated**

**the emerging challenges we face:**

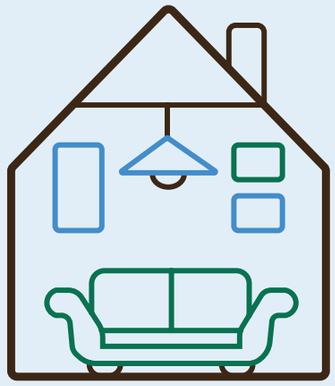


**We also debated long-standing issues**

**for rural and island communities, including:**



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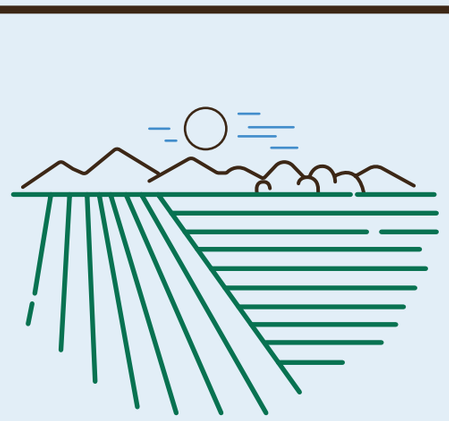

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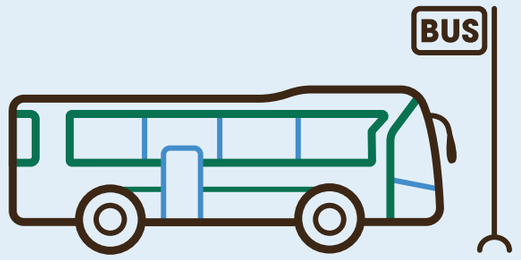



Transport

Democracy

Digital Connectivity

**Progress** on these can take time,

particularly when policy

is framed through an urban lens.

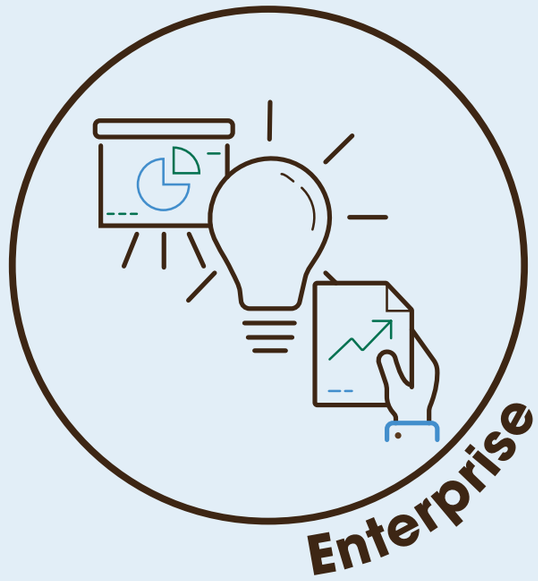
But when rural and island communities

work with policy makers,

**opportunities** arise and **solutions** are found.

**Rural and island places already have**

**many of the assets we need to flourish.**

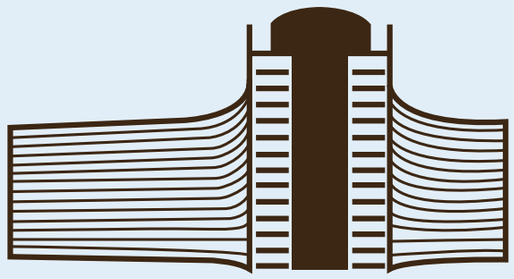


**A coordinated, rural-focused policy approach**

**can support our efforts further.**

**Neighbouring countries and institutions are showing the way.**

**European**



**Commission**

**And**

**They are working with their rural movements to deliver a**

**Vision and Policy Framework for their rural and island places.**

**In Scotland, we already have a basis for our Vision.**

**It was developed by the Rural Parliament's youth delegates.**

(Image: Outcome from Youth-Led Session, 2021)

We call on the Scottish Government

to build on the youth delegates' work,

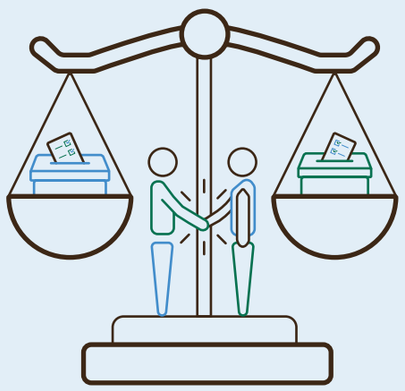
to collaborate with the

wider rural movement and deliver a...

# VISION AND POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR RURAL AND ISLAND SCOTLAND

**And within this Policy Framework,**

**we need action on the following:**



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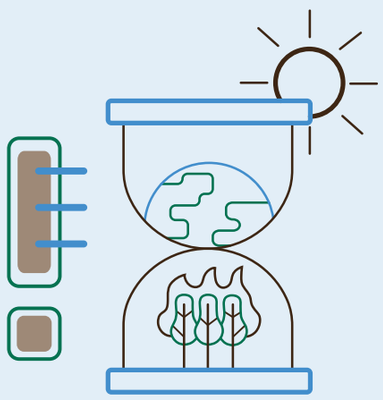

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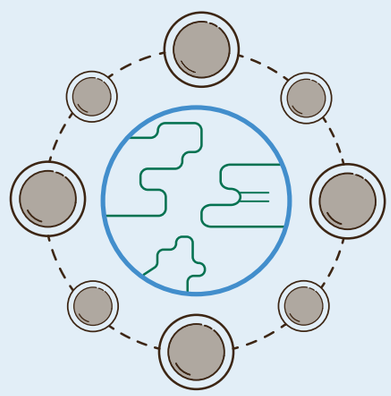

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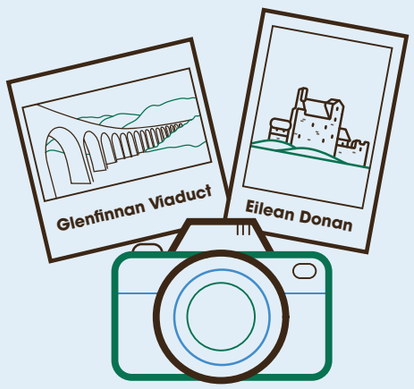


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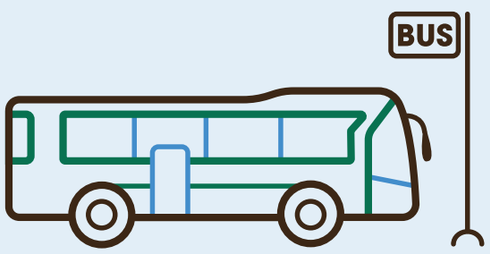


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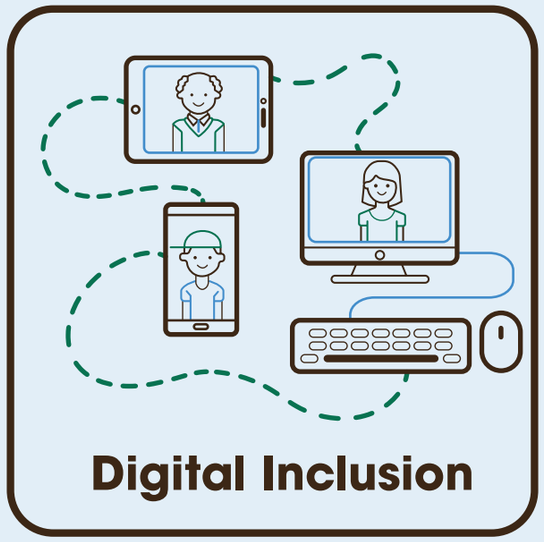

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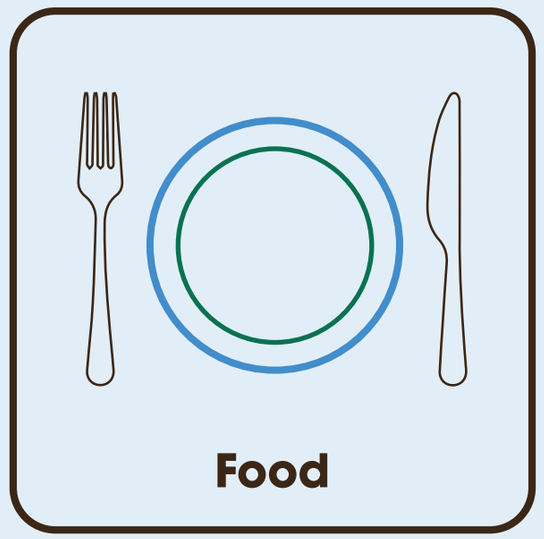

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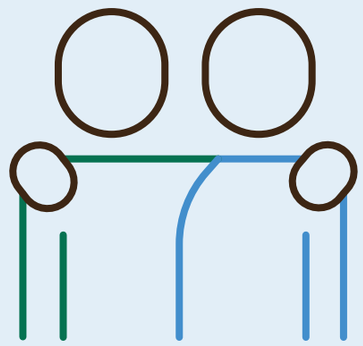

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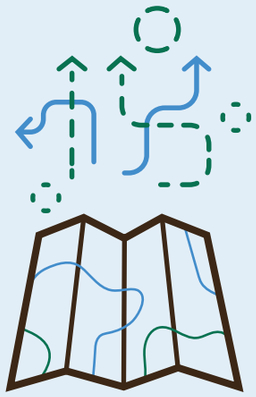

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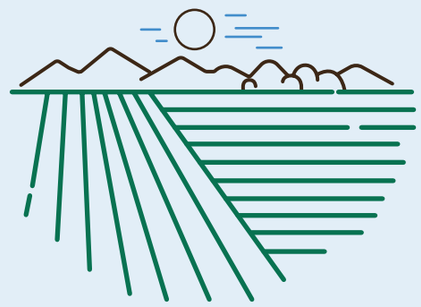

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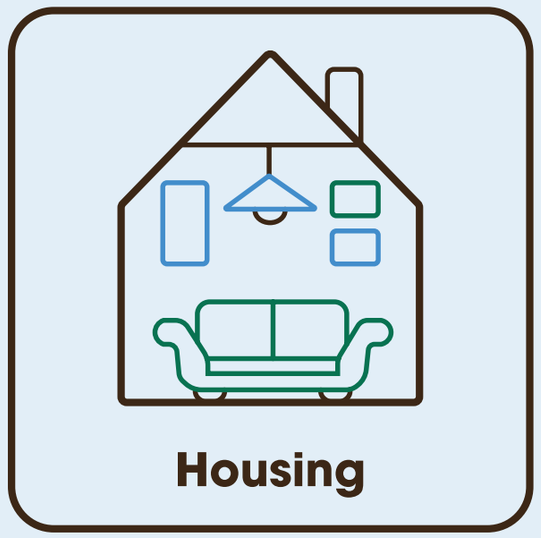

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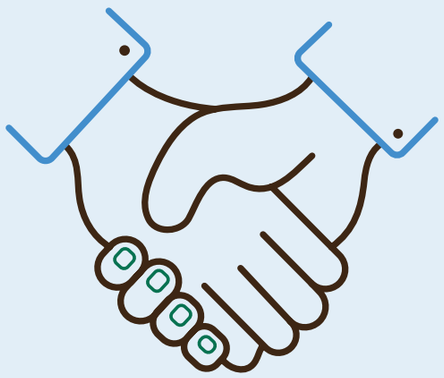

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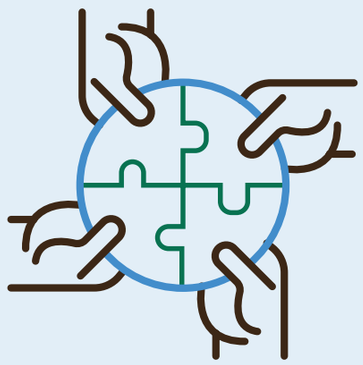

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