



VALUING NATURE

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Land Ownership and Natural Capital Values
in Scotland

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My research

- Unequal land ownership in Scotland – 432 people own 50%
- Scottish Government legislating for land reform – 1M acres in community ownership by 2020
- Explore the impacts of land reform in Scotland on ecosystem services and natural capital
- ABM to determine impacts of:
 - Post-Brexit CAP
 - Land tax
 - Succession law

Why did I want to attend the Business Impact School?

- Agriculture key to Scotland's economy
 - 80% land coverage
 - £2.9Bn output per year
 - 1 in 10 Scottish jobs dependent on agriculture
 - 73% Scottish farm businesses would be loss-making without EU CAP support
- My research is very policy relevant
 - Learn best ways to engage with businesses to maximise impact
 - Future-proof my career – only 1/6 PhDs stay in academia
- Make connections

Opportunities/challenges in getting my research used by businesses

- Lots of businesses (and other organisations) interested in natural capital approach
- Very policy relevant, but also highly politicised
- SRUC/UoE have good links to stakeholders, but need to identify best way to engage