



GROW CAREERS SCOTLAND CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2025

START TIME	END TIME	WEDNESDAY 12 TH NOVEMBER 2025
09:35	10:15	Registration for in-person delegate ticket holders
10:15	10:25	Welcome - David Knott
10:25	10:30	Presentation of Pam Pointer Prize by Angus McCombe
Morning Session - Chaired by David Knott - Curator of Living Collections, RBGE		
10:30	11:00	Prof Mike Hardman - Professor of Urban Sustainability / Director of the Environmental Research & Innovation Centre, Salford University <i>Urban Greening: Opportunities & Careers in a Growing Field</i>
11:00	11:20	James Simpson - Managing Director, Adrian Scripps <i>Why Commercial Horticulture Will Always Need Horticulturists, Despite the Advance of the Machines</i>
New Horticulturists Session - Chaired by Brian Cunningham - Garden & Horticultural Consultant, Beechgrove Garden Presenter		
11:20	12:05	- Kate McClorey - Assistant Head Gardener, Floors Castle - Lucy Morton - Scotland Coordinator, Young People in Horticulture Association (YPHA) - Megan Carden - Horticulturist, Outdoor Living Collection, RBGE & Moray Feu Gardens, Edinburgh - Jacob Seddon - Trainee, NTS at Threave School of Heritage Gardening
12:05	12:15	Emma Allan - RHS Bursary opportunities
12:15	12:25	Q&A



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12:25	13:45	Lunch & Networking
Afternoon Session - Chaired by Sarah Cathcart - Director, Learning and Engagement, RBGE		
13:45	14:15	Pippa Greenwood - Plant Pathologist, Television and Radio Presenter <i>Why horticulture? Perfection: Plants, People and (in my case) Pathogens!</i>
14:15	14:45	Tom Stuart-Smith - Garden Designer
14:45	14:55	Q&A
Conference Close		