

URBAN & RURAL PARTNERSHIPS & EXCHANGES

Why attend?

Research on the rural-urban divide is a key priority for the UK government and the European Union. The research is funded by the UK government and the European Union.

It is a unique opportunity to hear from leading experts in the field and to discuss your own research with them. The event will provide a chance to meet and discuss your research with leading experts in the field.

Who should attend? All those who are interested in research on the rural-urban divide.

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Why Rural?



Evidence from the interviews and questionnaire in WP2 confirm the importance of training and education away from urban areas as a means for retention in rural areas.

It is roughly three times more likely that a person who has taken part of their training in a rural area works in a rural area, compared to health workers with no rural experience from their educational program.

There needs to be better links with Universities to improve the interest in the area from students.

The urban - rural divide







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Rural Fellowship Programme

Scotland Highland partner:

Specially aimed to provide work experience and vocational training places so that candidates can experience rural life at an early stage in their career

Programme has supported 80 Medical and 30 Dental Fellows to date

Retention rates are 70% in both disciplines



Links with universities



Academic project database –

Swedish partner

Medical and scientific project issues with a rural perspective

Aimed at spreading interest in rural medicine

Local supervision in Storuman (rural area)

Plans for implementing the database in the web tool

Links with urban hospitals



Rotation scheme - Greenlandic partner

Urban hospitals fill full time-positions in Greenland with three month shifts.

Accommodation is provided

Enables urban staff to gain interest in rural areas and rural medicine and become “ambassadors”

4 positions filled (intensive care and anaesthesia)



Professional exchanges



Exchange programme –

Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Canada

Aimed to recruit GP's and to retain those who already work in rural areas

4 exchanges in 2013 between partners

Participants were inspired and were encouraged to stay in rural areas

Share ideas and experiences in medical practice

