

Your Thurso, Your Vision Ur Inbhir Theòrsa, Ur Lèirsinn



Help design your town - your chance to share your ideas.

If you're interested in shaping the future of your town then the Thurso Charrette is for you. This dynamic and interactive planning event will help develop a vision and options for future development. Drop in for a few minutes, a few hours or come along to every session and share your ideas.

All events take place at the **Pentland Hotel, Princes Street, Thurso.**
Refreshments provided.

A vision for Thurso

Friday 22 Feb: 2pm-8pm

Saturday 23 Feb: 11am-4pm

The emerging options

Monday 25 Feb: 6.30-7.30pm

Report back on Thurso's future

Wednesday 27 Feb: 7pm

Come and have your say about the future of Thurso

Pentland Hotel

Friday 22 February 2013

1.45pm Arrival and sign in

2pm Welcome and Introduction

2.15pm Workshop 1 -
Thurso Today

What are the issues and opportunities in Thurso today?
Thurso's relationship with the surrounding villages, the countryside and the sea?

What should we improve and how can we do it?

3.30pm Refreshment Break

3.45pm Hands-on Planning and Walkabouts

Work in small, facilitated groups to consider key issues in Thurso and plan ideas for the future. Groups may also choose to go on walkabouts of the area to see and discuss options.

5pm Refreshment Break

5.15pm Feedback from the Hands-on
Planning Groups

5.45pm Refreshment Break

6pm Workshop 3 - Local Economy Workshop

How can we attract visitors and economic investment, help local businesses prosper and create employment and training opportunities for local people?

7-8pm 'Transformation in small Scottish towns' by
Prof Brian Evans of Gillespies.



**Workshop 2 -
Young People's session**

A chance for young people to talk about and draw ideas for Thurso.



Saturday 23 February 2013

10.45am Arrival and sign in

11am Introduction

11.15am Workshop 4 -
Thurso Tomorrow
Housing, community services,
quality of the environment?
The town centre, the beach
and the harbour?
How can we improve things
in Thurso and how can the
community be involved?

Hands-on Planning and Walkabouts

A further opportunity to work in small, facilitated groups to consider key issues in Thurso and plan options for the future.

1pm Lunch

1.15pm 'Revitalising a Seaside Town Through Public Involvement'
by Nick Taylor of Scarborough's Renaissance.

2pm Hands-on Planning and Walkabouts
Another chance to work in small, facilitated groups to consider
key issues in Thurso and plan ideas for the future.

3.15pm Refreshment Break

3.30pm Feedback from the Hands-on Planning Groups


3:45pm Workshop 6 - The Way Forward
How can the ideas generated during the Charrette be taken
forward and how can the community stay involved?

Monday 25 February

6.30pm The Emerging Options

Wednesday 27 February

7pm Report Back on Thurso's future



**Workshop 5 -
Young People's session**
Another opportunity for young
people to think about and draw
ideas for the area.



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The Highland Council is working to enhance Thurso's role as a major economic, cultural and service town for the wider Caithness & North Sutherland area. You are invited to come along and tell us your ideas and aspirations for Thurso and help design the town's future.

A similar process is being held in Wick over the same weekend and the outcomes from both Charrettes will inform the Main Issues Report for the Caithness & Sutherland Local Development Plan.

A team led by architects and community planners John Thompson & Partners (JTP) has been appointed to run the Charrette with the Council.

You will have the opportunity to take part in workshops and hands-on planning groups to discuss key issues such as the town centre and harbour, the wider area, housing and business development, community facilities, landscape design, sustainability, getting around and the local economy.

Why not pop in for a short while, a few hours or stay for the entire time? Team members will be on hand to help make the most of your visit.

Following the public workshop sessions the team will analyse and summarise the outcomes and then draw up options for a masterplan for the town.

There will be a review of these emerging options from **6.30pm to 7.30pm on Monday 25 February** and a report back on Thurso's future to the community at **7pm on Wednesday 27 February**.

All events will take place in the Pentland Hotel on Princes Street so why not come along with your ideas and suggestions and help shape the future of Thurso?

In the meantime, if you would like any more information about the Thurso Charrette please contact either David Cowie, The Highland Council by Email: devplans@highland.gov.uk or by Phone: 01463 702827 or alternatively Ross Peedle, John Thompson & Partners by Email: rp@jtp.co.uk or by Freephone: 0800 012 6730.

The Thurso Charrette is part of a Scottish Government supported charrette mainstreaming programme, designed to promote innovative ways of involving local people in designing sustainable communities.

