



## **Zero Waste Scotland & BSSS**

### **Compost Good Practice Meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

The meeting will be held at the James Hutton Institute's Dundee site, with a field trip (5 minutes by bus) to a field site where WRAP funded slope stabilisation trials have successfully demonstrated that using quality compost on gradients positively affects both physical stability and plant growth, with reduced erosion and no negative environmental effects.

Meeting location: The James Hutton Institute, Invergowrie, Dundee DD2 5DA, Scotland, UK

#### **Introduction**

The objectives of this meeting are to introduce delegates to the WRAP Good Practice Guide for the use of Quality Compost in Landscape and Regeneration, and to provide a forum for scientists and stakeholders to discuss recent developments in compost production and application. During the afternoon there will be a short trip out to a site. Lunch will be provided.

#### **Timetable**

9.30 Arrival and Registration

10.00 Welcome and setting the scene (Dr Paul Hallett)

10.20 Soil manufacture, quality compost use and geotechnical issues (Luke Beesley)

10.40 The WRAP Good Practice Guide for the use of Quality Compost in Landscape and Regeneration (Alison McKinnie)

11.00 Questions & Discussion

11.15 Refreshments and networking

11.45 Slope stabilisation and geotechnical engineering applications of quality compost (Dr Ron Wheatley)

12.15 Questions and summary (Dr Matt Aitkenhead)

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Site Walk

15.00 Event concludes

#### **Registration**

Registration is free for members of BSSS, and costs £20 for non-members. The registration process can be carried out online at the BSSS website (<http://www.soils.org.uk>, and follow the link to Regional & Special Interest Groups into the Scottish Soils Discussion Group page). For further details, please contact Matt Aitkenhead ([matt.aitkenhead@hutton.ac.uk](mailto:matt.aitkenhead@hutton.ac.uk); 01224 395257), or Valentini Pappa ([valentini.pappa@sac.ac.uk](mailto:valentini.pappa@sac.ac.uk); 0131 535 4115).