

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Crofting/Smallholding Development

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

www.gigha.org.uk

Project cost: £20000 Eligible cost: £20000 Grant award: £9000

Public match funding: £10000 Private match funding: £1000

In-kind match funding: £

Since the early days of the community buy out the reorganisation of agriculture on the island has been a high priority. The Trust has now successfully reorganised the larger farms, but from early on a clear gap has been identified when it comes to smallholding or crofting on the island.

The aim of this project is to assess the best options for the implementation of crofts/smallholdings on the Isle of Gigha and then implement the recommendations of the first stage assessment. A consultant will be appointed to undertake an in-depth study of how best to bring additional crofting or smallholding to the Isle of Gigha. This will look at suitable locations, identify the best legal form to take (considering the community ownership of the island) and make clear recommendations how this development will be tailored to provide maximum benefit for the local community and economy.

The implementation stage of the project will consist of the appointed consultants giving hands on support both to the board and the community in the process of setting up the appropriate crofts or smallholdings advertising them, selecting tenants and running a workshop for interested parties

Grant awarded 11 December 2009

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Isle of Gigha information Boards

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

www.gigha.org.uk

Project cost: £2000 Eligible cost: £2000 Grant award: £1000

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £1000

In-kind match funding: £

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust was formed in 2001 to take over the island estate and manage it for the benefit of all. There is considerable interest from visitors in what has happened since the community buyout and island residents have identified a need to provide up to date and accessible information at the point most frequently visited.

The aim of the project is to increase understanding of visitors of the community and its heritage. This will be achieved by placing two or three information boards at strategic points. The exact number will depend on the design of the boards.

Grant awarded 11 December 2009

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Community Development

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

www.gigha.org.uk

Project cost: £36709 Eligible cost: £36709 Grant award: £18354

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £18355

In-kind match funding: £

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust was set up as a vehicle for the community buy out of the Gigha Estate in March 2002. The Trust's core business is the administration of the running and improvement of the island. However over recent years it has become clear that this necessary focus on core business is not fulfilling community needs for further developments, and due to the large amount of community energy expended on the Trust and its subsidiaries, no other bodies on the island have come forward to take on this role.

The aim of the project is to create a part time Development Manager post which will provide additional capacity to help the community take direct ownership of projects that had been identified in the past but which have not come to fruition for a variety of reasons. In addition the post holder will encourage those members of the community that are currently not involved (be it due to age, income, social disadvantage or work) become actively involved with the Trust and the wider community.

Grant awarded 11 March 2010

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Community Gardening Project

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

www.gigha.org.uk

Project cost: £17094 Eligible cost: £17094 Grant award: £7641

Public match funding: £8600 Private match funding: £853

In-kind match funding: £

Several years ago many people were growing their own fruit & vegetables and a field was provided by a local farmer to grow potatoes which would then be provided for the community. Today very few people actually grow their own fruit & vegetables because of the lack of ground available/dedicated to do so and also because the knowledge has been lost. Following a talk organised on January 23 2010 the local community expressed a strong interest in a dedicated community gardening area providing the ground, tools and equipment to locally grow fruit & vegetables.

The aim of the project is to provide a community area with allotments available for any members of the community to grow their own fruit & vegetables. The application to LEADER relates to the set up costs which include prepare the land (cleaning the field/ditches), fence the gardening area to prevent livestock and rabbits from coming in, do the groundwork to prepare each allotment (raised beds, access paths), purchase and install all equipment (tools, shed, waterbutts, polytunnel, compost bins). Awareness raising events and a workshop will be held to encourage participation. Once operational, the project will be supported by the Community Development Officer (LEADER funded).

Grant awarded 16 December 2010

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Project officer

Iomairt Chille Chomain

Project cost: £22100 Eligible cost: £22100 Grant award: £11050

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £11050

In-kind match funding: £

Iomairt Chille Chomain formed to enable the community of Port Charlotte to buy an 18 ha site on the fringe of the village in 2001. The group have since developed the site creating 2 new crofts, sport field, playground, campsite and new community centre. The group employed a part time development officer to assist with the purchase of the land and construction of the centre. This post ended in October 2007. The group employ a full time warden for the centre and campsite and a cleaner. The kitchen in the community centre is leased by a micro business which runs a cafe and employs 6 members of staff.

The aim of the project is to employ a part time development officer for a 2 year period to assist with the further development of the wider project and to ensure that the original aims are fully met, that that the community makes full use of the facilities that are now available and the long term sustainability of the overall project .

Grant awarded 27 June 2008

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Voluntary Sector regeneration plan - development and training small grants

Islay and Jura Council for Voluntary Service

www.argyllcommunities.org/islayandjurascvs

Project cost: £54000 Eligible cost: £54000 Grant award: £27000

Public match funding: £27000 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £

The aim of the project is to develop leadership and management skills within 9 voluntary organisations on Islay which will contribute to the sustainability of the organisations. The groups involved are IDEAS, MacTaggart Leisure Centre, Bowmore Hall, Port Ellen Harbour Association, Ionad Chalaim Chille Ile, Fas Mor Ile, Finlaggan Trust, REJIG and Islay & Jura Toy Library. The project is innovative in the way that it proposes to enable the organisations to release staff to undertake the development role by providing funds to backfill the service delivery role as well as providing access to training. This not only allows 'time' for development work but also gives other staff/volunteers career development opportunities by 'acting up' for a period of time which further strengthens the capacity of the organisation.

Grant awarded 27 June 2008

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Employment Skills & Capacity Development through volunteering (Phase 1)

Islay and Jura Community Enterprises Ltd

www.mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk

Project cost: £99992 Eligible cost: £93314 Grant award: £32891

Public match funding: £60423 Private match funding: £0

In-kind match funding: £0

Islay & Jura Enterprises Ltd runs the MacTaggart Community Leisure Centre in Bowmore. This project is additional to the group's core activity of providing leisure facilities, builds on the Access to Learning and Leisure project funded by WHELK LEADER + and aims provide increased access to volunteering and training opportunities on Islay and Jura to promote skills, competences and confidence in preparation for work.

This will involve providing accredited training and ongoing support for staff and volunteers to enhance the opportunities of securing a job with paid employment or expand an existing job; non vocational volunteering opportunities to support an improvement in the quality of life both for volunteers on the islands and through sustaining local services such as the community garden, visiting services to people with disabilities, support to lunch clubs and so on; awareness raising event in conjunction with Job Centre, Argyll & Bute Employability & Careers Scotland to highlight volunteering, training, development & employment opportunities; working with community groups and social enterprises to provide opportunities for volunteers; work with the statutory agencies (Job Centre & Argyll & Bute Employability) to utilise incentive schemes for local businesses, social enterprises & organisations to employ longer term volunteers on a paid basis and developing an Islay Volunteer Development Plan. 5 part time posts will be created (Volunteer Development Manager, Administration Support 2 Crèche Childminder/Sitter & IJCE Manager Support) and 4 jobs will be safeguarded within other organisations involved with the project.

Grant awarded 27 March 2009

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Bowmore Town Centre Environmental Improvements

Argyll and Bute Council

www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Project cost: £616900 Eligible cost: £551900 Grant award: £261900

Public match funding: £290000 Private match funding: £0

In-kind match funding: £

Argyll & Bute Council, Bowmore Village Hall Committee and Bowmore Harbour Improvement Association are working together to undertake an integrated approach to environmental improvements in Bowmore town centre.

Each organisation had been developing projects independently but came together to put a combined bid into the Town Centre Regeneration fund.

The overall project has three strands a) upgrading facilities and improving access in Bowmore Hall; b) upgrading harbour access and pontoons and c) environmental improvements in Morrison Square including hard and soft landscaping, improved traffic management and upgrading public conveniences.

Grant awarded 11 December 2009

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Gaelic Business Development

Ionad Chaluum Chille Ile (The Columba Centre, Islay)

www.islay-gaelic.net

Project cost: £40000 Eligible cost: £40000 Grant award: £20000

Public match funding: £18000 Private match funding: £2000

In-kind match funding: £

Established on Islay in 2000, Ionad Chaluum Chille Ile (The Columba Centre) aims to enhance the enjoyment, interpretation and learning of Gaelic Language and culture. The Centre consists of teaching & meeting rooms, library, childcare facility, a broadcasting studio, computer suite and an exhibition area. All the facilities are available for community use. Courses through the medium of Gaelic are offered at different levels; further and higher education, community classes and Ùlpan classes are offered throughout Argyll. It also hold Gaelic related events throughout the year, such as musical Concerts and Gaelic Bardnights

The aim of the project is to build on previous activity and strengthen sustainability by creating new and diverse income streams to reduce dependency on grant. This will be achieved by employing a development officer on a short term contract to carry out market research, pilot projects and establish an appropriate community enterprise structure . The post holder will also examine the possible creation of a new accommodation block as a means of attracting an increased number of visitors and students to courses and events. Specialist advice on cultural tourism, arts development, capital project development and detailed future business planning will be bought in as required.

Grant awarded 11 December 2009

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Islay Community Bakery Consultation and Business Planning

Islay and Jura Council for Voluntary Service

www.argyllcommunities.org/islayandjurascvs

Project cost: £19530 Eligible cost: £19530 Grant award: £8530

Public match funding: £11000 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £

In response to a changing economic climate Islay & Jura CVS is evolving into a community trust called 'ISLAY INITIATIVE'. The new organisation will continue the historic roles of the CVS in supporting emerging and existing voluntary sector organisations and charities. The new initiative will be owned by the community with residents encouraged to take up membership of the new organisation. Existing IJCVS board members will transfer to Islay Initiative pending elections to the new board.

The aim of this project is to test the feasibility of reducing dependence on grant funding by developing and managing a bakery as a social enterprise on the Isle of Islay to supply fresh produce for island residents, businesses and visitors.

The project has two strands: Community Consultation-this would include a series of workshops, awareness raising events, promotional material, stands at the main events on Islay including the Islay Show and the South Islay Mòville Transnational day; Business Plan and Technical Survey -external consultants will be engaged to develop a robust and comprehensive business plan and fully costed technical study.

Grant awarded 10 March 2011

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Columba Challenge and Festival of the Sea

Islay and Jura Council of Voluntary Service on behalf of South Islay Development

www.islay-initiative.org.uk/sldo.html

Project cost: £19024 Eligible cost: £19024 Grant award: £13317

Public match funding: £5093 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £614

This is a transnational project with Inishowen Development Partnership, Donegal, Eire. The Columba Challenge -a coastal rowing race between Islay and Donegal is a concept brought to South Islay Development by the Foyle Rowing Club in Moville, Co. Donegal. The Foyle Rowing club have a membership of over 100 and own 2 skiffs and several traditional Foyle punts. They train regularly and take part in competitions in their area. The group had heard about the growing popularity of coastal rowing on Islay and saw an opportunity for a twinned event. The Lagavulin Fundraisers run a smaller rowing group based in Port Ellen, Islay. The group itself is an informal organisation who raise money for local charities. South Islay Development recognised the opportunity to build capacity within the Port Ellen area by expanding the initial race idea into an opportunity to increase volunteer participation, skills training and promotion of the area by developing a Festival of the Sea.

The aim of the project is to reinvigorate the strong cultural connection between two communities and to put each community back in touch with the heritage and culture associated with sea-faring. As well as the actual race, both communities will hold a Festival of the Sea which will include regattas, awareness raising events and workshops within their respective areas. There will be two exchange visits -one before and one after the main event to discuss further cooperation and links between the communities. Related training courses are to be provided by Argyll College (not LEADER funded) and additional events in the wider programme -including the actual race -will be sponsored by other funders.

Grant awarded 07 April 2011

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Employment Skills and Capacity Development through volunteering (Phase 2)

Islay and Jura Community Enterprises Ltd

www.mactaggartleisurecentre.co.uk

Project cost: £61827 Eligible cost: £58059 Grant award: £25696

Public match funding: £32363 Private match funding: £0

In-kind match funding: £

Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Ltd is approaching the end of a two year pilot project (LEADER funded) which aimed to increase access to volunteering & training opportunities to promote skills, competencies & confidence in preparation for work. In addition, it aimed to help local organisations build capacity through the development & expansion of their work force.

Phase 2 of the project aims to build on and further develop the work achieved in the pilot by operating a “cluster” model whereby one organisation (IJCE) manages the project but works in partnership with a minimum of 4 other organisations to develop volunteering, training & employment A 'sitting service' to enable carers to take part in the project is to be developed, an additional 40 new volunteers will be recruited and the Islay Development Plan will be updated.

The group are requesting support with the costs related to employ project staff to support the volunteers and the organisations offering volunteer placements, provide training, participant expenses, development support for partner organisations, associated office costs and “on site” equipment.

Grant awarded 16 June 2011

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Waste to Energy Recycling Demonstration Projects -Phase 1 Feasibility Study

Re-JIG

Project cost: £37000 Eligible cost: £37000 Grant award: £18500

Public match funding: £15000 Private match funding: £3500

In-kind match funding: £

RE-JIG has developed a range of expertise in recycling household and other wastes and has also implemented a small scale bio-diesel project on Islay A recent Investing in Ideas grant gave ReJIG the opportunity to work with INNOVATUM from Sweden and Glasgow Caledonian University looking at specific waste recycling systems which produce fuel resources and to consult key island stakeholders

The aim of this project is to build on this work and undertake action research into the feasibility of using draff - an industrial by product of distilling; 'pot ale' another such by product; farm manure /slurry; and household and garden waste for making energy. The group wish to second the ReJIG manager to work full time on the action research project ,develop demonstration sites on Islay and raise awareness of the opportunities presented. The REJIG manager's post will advertised as a short term contract for the duration of the secondment. Additional admin support is required and training is to be provided.

Grant awarded 26 September 2008

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Capacity building & development of a community owned social enterprise

Islay and Jura Community Enterprises Ltd T/A Mactaggart Centre

Project cost: £42321 Eligible cost: £40000 Grant award: £20000

Public match funding: £20000 Private match funding: £0

In-kind match funding: £0

Islay & Jura Community Enterprises received support from the Islay and Jura CVS Voluntary Sector Regeneration Plan to review its business plan and work towards the long term sustainability of this locally important community facility. This project aims to implement the training, capacity building and marketing aspects of the overall plan.

This will be achieved by delivering a mixture of accredited training and non accredited training courses in Institute of Sport & Recreation & Health & Safety First Aid, SVQ, Pool lifeguard assessor & gym instructor accredited qualifications gym database, quick books finance, outcome monitoring & evaluation non accredited ICT training for staff and members of the wider community. In addition, a website will be developed to offer interactive services such as ticket purchases and on line booking and a new monitoring systems to improve marketing opportunities –tracking attendance and footfall, customer relationship management IT systems will be developed and a membership scheme for tourists and others will be explored in conjunction with the Islay Marketing Group and Jura Development Trust. The overall project will be managed by the General Manager. Additional staff support will be brought in to underpin the training programme and cascading of knowledge and to enable the development work to be carried out. Courses will be bought in as required.

Grant awarded 11 March 2010

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Crofting Connections - Phase 2

Soil Association Scotland

www.soilassociation.org

Project cost: £6318 Eligible cost: £6318 Grant award: £3159

Public match funding: £2843 Private match funding: £316

In-kind match funding: £

Crofting has been, and in some areas still is, the predominant form of land use in the crofting communities of Argyll and the Islands, Cairngorms, Innse Gall and Orkney. It is the foundation of the way of life, the language or dialect and the culture in each of these communities. The overall aim of Crofting Connections is to help secure a sustainable future for crofting in Argyll and the Islands, Cairngorms, Innse Gall and Orkney, by inspiring young people to consider staying in their local communities and supporting the future of crofting on completion of their education. Crofting Connections Phase 2 is a new project that will build on Crofting Connections Phase 1 by engaging with new schools in each area. Crofting Connections Phase 2 will follow the same work programme of community-led activities and events that will inspire young people about crofting past, present and future. The project has been designed in partnership between the Scottish Crofting Federation and Soil Association Scotland. It is part of a larger project that has also been rolled out in Shetland and Highland. LEADER funding is still in place to continue the project in these areas in Year 3. The Project Officer, appointed for three years from 2009-2012, works with teachers and heritage professionals to devise a programme of activities tailored to suit each school and local community that is appropriate to their location, staffing, resources, local culture and pupils' needs. The Project Officer will spend a total of 24 days devoted to working with new Crofting Connections schools in each area –Argyll, Innse Gall and Orkney -and 16 days in Cairngorms. This will be a total of 88 days on Phase 2 schools in the four LEADER areas.

Grant awarded 15 September 2011

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The Antlers Tearoom, Craft and Interpretation Centre

Isle of Jura Development Trust

www.juradevelopment.co.uk

Project cost: £185450 Eligible cost: £173450 Grant award: £42654

Public match funding: £125233 Private match funding: £5563

In-kind match funding: £

The aim of the project is to renovate a community owned building in the centre of Craighouse to create a heritage centre which will provide interpretation for visitors to the island, a tearoom which will be leased out thereby creating a new business opportunity as well as providing an informal social facility for locals and a retail area which will showcase the work of local craft workers giving additional sales opportunities. The application to LEADER is for assistance with the capital costs of the renovation -associated revenue costs including a project officer to manage the project are being funded elsewhere.

The project is part of the Craighouse Regeneration Plan and will enhance the new ferry service and visitor experience. It fits well with both Revitalising Communities and Progressive Rural Economy.

Grant awarded 27 June 2008

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Jura Community Plan Co-ordinator Post Phase 1

Isle of Jura Development Trust

www.juradevelopment.co.uk

Project cost: £23412 Eligible cost: £23412 Grant award: £11706

Public match funding: £10024 Private match funding: £1682

In-kind match funding: £

The island of Jura has been part of the Initiative at the Edge (latE) development strategy for the last 5 years. latE support has now ceased (as planned at the outset) and the Jura Development Trust aims to build on the activity initiated by the latE Community Plan by producing a Community Business Plan to support the further social and economic development of the island community.

A Jura Community Plan Co-ordinator will be appointed to manage the transition from latE infrastructure support and investment strategy to a sustainable business model.

The post holder will be based in Jura Service Point and will work with existing organisations to produce a business plan which provides funders with a clear investment programme showing linkages to the community outcomes identified in the island's existing Community Plan, produce a skills development plan to develop capacity to run businesses or extend employability options and implement a communication plan engage with the whole community of Jura and other stakeholders on and off island.

Grant awarded 27 March 2009

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Jura Community Plan Co-ordinator Post Phase 2

Isle of Jura Development Trust

www.juradevelopment.co.uk

Project cost: £14451 Eligible cost: £14451 Grant award: £7225

Public match funding: £7226 Private match funding: £0

In-kind match funding: £

The island of Jura has been part of the Initiative at the Edge (latE) development strategy for the last 5 years. latE support has now ceased (as planned at the outset) and the Jura Development Trust aims to build on the activity initiated by the latE Community Plan by producing a Community Business Plan to support the further social and economic development of the island community.

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Grant awarded 27 March 2009

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Jura Hall Upgrade & Environmental Improvements Phase 1

Isle of Jura Development Trust

www.juradevelopment.co.uk

Project cost: £234113 Eligible cost: £234113 Grant award: £109500

Public match funding: £112865 Private match funding: £6500

In-kind match funding: £5248

Jura Development Trust and Jura Hall are working in partnership to facilitate the phased redevelopment of Jura Hall. This application relates to Phase 1 –Jura Hall up

grade and environmental improvements. The hall is situated in the centre of Craighouse and is close to the pier, shop, distillery and Antlers tearoom.

The aim of the project is twofold: a)to improve energy efficiency of the existing hall by cladding the walls and roof with insulating materials, replacement of windows and draught proofing. A full energy audit of the hall will be carried out at the start of the project and once the insulation programme is complete to identify the full impact of the work. An energy efficiency awareness raising event will be held once this phase is complete and b) to improve community access to the hall, shop, distillery, Antlers and Jura Passenger Ferry by creating parking area on rough ground beside the hall. This will also reduce traffic congestion and increase road safety within Craighouse. An Interpretation Cairn –display of series 1 out of 5 JDT Heritage boards-will be erected within the carpark area.

Jura Hall Committee will manage the energy efficiency improvements while Jura Development Trust will manage the car park element. the project finances will be administered by Jura Development Trust. Technical input will be provided by consultants. Contractors will be employed to undertake the construction work .

Grant awarded 10 August 2010

Islay, Jura and Gigha

Isle of Jura - Oral History Project

Isle of Jura Development Trust

www.juradevelopment.co.uk

Project cost: £48975 Eligible cost: £48975 Grant award: £23263

Public match funding: £23200 Private match funding: £2512

In-kind match funding: £

The overall aim of the project is to collect, capture and preserve Jura's unique island heritage in oral format for current and future generations before it is lost through population decline. The project will concentrate on the memories of Jura from around the 1940's to present day focusing on factors influencing a unique island life e.g. education, employment, housing, travel, services, social events and traditions.

This will be achieved by recording individual's accounts and reminiscences to create an oral archive with supporting transcriptions. Copies of the oral archive and supporting transcriptions will be permanently housed in the Antlers and at the Trust's registered offices and will offer full public access. A one hour summary CD of the archive will be produced along with a supporting booklet. In addition the archive will be made available digitally on line through a 2 year hosted iTunes programme.

A part time project manager will coordinate the overall project and provide support to the volunteers involved in recording and transcribing interviews. Technical support will be bought in as required. Social networking sites e.g. Face book will be used to raise awareness, encourage participation and deliver information. The Trust will work with the Small Isles Primary School and Columba Centre Gaelic College to research, design and prepare a visual presentation to support the launch of the completed archive

Grant awarded 15 September 2011