

Mull and Iona

Oran Ur do Mhuile

Mull Mod Committee

Project cost: £18280 Eligible cost: £17630 Grant award: £8000

Public match funding: £2850 Private match funding: £6780

In-kind match funding: £

The overall aim of the project is to develop a new competitive event for the Mull Local Mod. The event, a song writing competition, will help to develop and strengthen the use of the Gaelic language in a modern context. It will not only increase the awareness of the Gaelic language, music and culture but will also teach song writing skills and techniques that would be transferrable to any language. 4 workshops covering song writing finalists will have the opportunity to work with professional musicians and 2 young local performers will have the opportunity to record a CD. The new competition may encourage more people to travel to Mull for the Mod and sales of the CD will contribute to its sustainability.

Grant awarded 15 May 2008

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Ross of Mull Graveyard and Townships survey

Ross of Mull Historical Centre

Project cost: £64017 Eligible cost: £59917 Grant award: £15400

Public match funding: £35900 Private match funding: £3117

In-kind match funding: £5500

The Ross of Mull Historical Centre has successfully implemented two major projects over the last 5 years. "Discover the Ross" which created 7 local walking guides plus a large glossy book which generate a revenue stream for the Centre, and "Tigh na Rois" which renovated Millbrae Cottage as a new home for the Centre. This included digitisation of records and Oral History elements which received funding from WHELK LEADER +.

The current project has two strands : it will add to the historical archive by training volunteers to undertake surveys of 4 graveyards and 2 deserted townships on the Ross and employ 2 part time staff to assist with the survey work, production of related guides and a series of procedural manuals which will give clear and precise instructions on all aspects of running the Centre. This will give a structure to enable the Centre to be run entirely by volunteers by the end of the project and will reduce/eliminate the need for exterior funding in future which will assist long term sustainability

Grant awarded 26 September 2008

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Pennyghael Community Hall Development Project - Feasibility Stage

Pennyghael Development Association Ltd

www.pennyghael.net

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

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

In-kind match funding: £

The Pennyghael Community Hall was established in the old school building following the closure of the primary school around 25 years ago. In 2004, the Community Association was served notice to quit by the Community Hall owner, Argyll and Bute Council. By 2006, the Development Association had successfully raised the funds required to purchase the building and this was completed in 2007. The group The Pennyghael Community Hall was established in the old school building following the closure of the primary school around 25 years ago. In 2004, the Community Association was served notice to quit by the Community Hall owner, Argyll and Bute Council. By 2006, the Development Association had successfully raised the funds required to purchase the building and this was completed in 2007. The group are currently being supported by the Constructive Communities Phase 2 to undertake a community consultation and outline business plan relating to the redevelopment of the Hall .

The overall aim of this project is to allow Pennyghael Development Association to adequately consider all of the options open to them in developing their Community Hall. This will be achieved by appointing qualified and experienced consultant to assess need and demand, undertake an options appraisal, produce a Business Plan and funding strategy, appointing a design team to produce costed design options in line with the consultant's findings and plans for a final preferred option; Consultation events with the local community and best practice visits by the Association to other community facilities. The group will work with another of the Constructive Communities beneficiaries, Aros Hall Management Committee (also on Mull) to provide reciprocal peer support and mentoring, as Aros Hall Management Committee is planning a similar project at the same time.

Grant awarded 16 September 2010

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Aros Hall Development Project - Feasibility Stage

Aros Hall Management Committee

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

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

In-kind match funding: £

The Aros Hall was gifted to the people of Tobermory by the Allans of Aros Estate in 1949. Although restored in 1991, the building is no longer able to no longer be able to accommodate the local community needs and the group have been supported by the Constructive Communities Phase 2 to undertake a community consultation and outline business plan relating to the redevelopment of the Hall

The overall aim of this project is to allow the committee to gain expert advice on the alternative options available. This will be achieved by commissioning a structural survey completed on the building, producing an options appraisal which considers renewal, relocation and demolition/new build options and a comprehensive Business Plan which assesses need and demand from the community and tourists for the new facility, producing costed design options which are reflective of the needs and demands of the local community and the suggested different routes for provision of a community facility in Tobermory, preparing plans for a final option which can be put forward for funding and identifying potential funding sources to secure capital funding to redevelop the Community Hall .The Aros Hall Management Committee will work with another of the Constructive Communities beneficiaries, Pennyghael Development Association (also on Mull) to provide reciprocal peer support and mentoring, as Pennyghael Development Association is planning a similar project at the same time.

Grant awarded 16 December 2010

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Forest Amenity Study

North West Mull Community Woodland Company Limited

www.nwmullwoodland.co.uk

Project cost: £18000 Eligible cost: £18000 Grant award: £9000

Public match funding: £1500 Private match funding: £7500

In-kind match funding: £

North West Mull Community Woodland Company Limited is a community run social enterprise established in 2005 to acquire and manage Langamull and West Ardhu woodlands in North West Mull.

The aim of the project is to develop part of the forests for amenity purposes including walking and mountain biking routes, archaeology, ornithology and wildlife viewing facilities, open air performance spaces and visitor and information facilities.

This will be achieved by appointing consultants to carry out an Amenity Feasibility Study. The Study will comprise a number of stages and will accordingly require input from a range of consultants including forestry experts, architect, landscape architect, quantity surveyor and rural regeneration consultants. The Study will culminate in a Business Plan including 3 –5 year projections of income and expenditure, plus a funding strategy and proposals outlining a way forward for NWMCWC to contribute to the social economy of North West Mull.

Grant awarded 16 December 2010

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Baliscate Chapel Project

Mull Museum

www.mullmuseum.org.uk

Project cost: £80775 Eligible cost: £80775 Grant award: £38300

Public match funding: £38300 Private match funding: £4175

In-kind match funding: £

Baliscate Chapel is a hitherto unrecorded early medieval chapel near Tobermory, Isle of Mull. Rediscovered by two amateur archaeologists in 2008, it was the subject of a three day evaluation by Time Team which was broadcast in April 2010. Mull Museum has received permission from Treasure Trove Scotland to house and display the artefacts found during the excavation in their premises in Tobermory.

The aim of this project is to build on the work already undertaken to promote and further develop knowledge about the site. This will be achieved by employing a team of professional archaeologists to work with local volunteers to undertake four week long excavations of the site, run workshops on the skills required to undertake a dig for local volunteers, hold awareness raising events such as guided walks and other promotional activities alongside the actual digs. It is expected that the excavations will be carried out in a series of site visits spread out over the summer months. This will allow the Archaeological work to be programmed for the specialist consultants with the research and the excavations guiding each other. It will also allow the maximum period for community/ volunteer/ and visitor involvement over the summer period. In addition, research work relating to the discoveries made will be carried out and the results published. Mull Museum will display and make accessible the artefacts associated with the site as a source of teaching and research material for the local community and visiting researchers.

Grant awarded 15 December 2011

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Marine Education Centre Integrated Display Infrastructure

Tobermory Harbour Association

www.tobermoryharbour.co.uk

Project cost: £26500 Eligible cost: £26500 Grant award: £13250

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £11750

In-kind match funding: £1500

Tobermory Harbour Association is establishing a Marine Education Centre within its harbour building, Taigh Solais. The building work is being funded by other sources and the application to LEADER relates to the display infrastructure only.

The aim of the project is to develop and construct an innovative integrated display system that is extremely flexible and adaptable to accommodate different types of display information. The display area is 19 metres long by 7 metres wide.

A design company will be employed to develop detailed drawings to enable the manufacture of the display infrastructure. During the construction and fitting of the display infrastructure a training workshop will be held to inform and train 4 volunteers in the operation of the display framework. The volunteers will then be in a position to assist with future fitting and changing of display items on to the display framework.

Grant awarded 15 March 2012

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Providing training to control invasive non-native plants on Isle of Mull

COILLE ALBA

www.coillealba.org.uk

Project cost: £5265 Eligible cost: £5265 Grant award: £2500

Public match funding: £2500 Private match funding: £265

In-kind match funding: £

The spread of invasive non-native species is considered the second biggest threat to biodiversity after habitat destruction. The Isle of Mull has several populations of invasive non-native plants which impact its economy and biodiversity. These include Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam, *Rhododendron ponticum* and *Cotoneaster microphylla*.

The project aims to provide local land-managers, contractors and interested residents on Mull with the skills to control a range of invasive non-native plants in a cost-effective and safe manner. The project will run one training workshop aimed at equipping up to 8 participants with the skills to control a range of invasive non-native plants (INNPS). Trainees will be assessed by external examiners, and, if successful, awarded NPTC Certificates PA1 and PA6AW. Participants will be given the opportunity to practice their newly-acquired skills on a range of sites including Kilninian (*Cotoneaster*) and Aros (*Rhododendron*). Specialist training in handling and applying herbicides (and the associated assessments) will be undertaken by an NPTC accredited training contractor.

Opportunities will be given to those less physically fit to contribute to the project through less physically-demanding tasks such as surveying and two awareness raising events will be held. Coille Alba will undertake all the preparatory work, and provide the necessary admin and support.

Grant awarded 13 December 2012

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Mull & Iona Business Improvement District MI-BID

Mull and Iona Community Trust

www.mict.co.uk

Project cost: £40000 Eligible cost: £40000 Grant award: £18000

Public match funding: £20000 Private match funding: £2000

In-kind match funding: £

A Business Improvement District (BID) delivers a sustainable financial model to a defined geographical area, where businesses have voted to invest collectively in local improvements in addition to those delivered by statutory authorities.

The aim of the project is to raise awareness of BIDs, ascertain whether there is support within the business community to take the project to the next stage once the advantages (and disadvantages) of becoming a BIDs area are fully understood and to undertake the development work required to produce a fully costed five-year Business Plan which will include performance guarantees, a management structure and a delivery mechanism. A ballot will be held towards the end of the project to decide if the business community wish to implement the plan. A part time project manager will be employed to take the project forward.

Grant awarded 10 March 2011

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Visitor Management Infrastructure - Phase 1 - Feasibility Study

Mull and Iona Community Trust

www.mict.co.uk

Project cost: £16335 Eligible cost: £16335 Grant award: £8167.5

Public match funding: £4000 Private match funding: £4167.5

In-kind match funding: £

Between 2001 and 2004, Mull and Iona Community Trust, in consultation with the community and local land managers installed ten viewpoints around the Isle of Mull as part of a wider project to promote natural and cultural history tourism in the area. The original project has been a success and additional capacity is now required in order to accommodate the many visitors now coming to Mull and Iona - approximately 450,000 visitors a year.

The aim of the project is to undertake a study which will provide recommendations for high quality visitor management infrastructure and improve visitor orientation towards wildlife and environmental experience and provide clear, innovative proposals on how best to provide small natural heritage 'honey pots' around our islands. The recommendations will reflect the aspirations of the local community and other stakeholders and will provide a framework for funding and recommendations for implementation over the next three years.

This will be achieved by providing additional hours over an 8 month period to the part time Mull & Iona Ranger who will work closely with a specialist consultant to develop a contemporary scheme for interpretation of each selected location. Working together, they will arrange public consultations to seek ideas and support from within the community and stakeholders and to communicate the project proposals once they are formulated. Market research will also be carried out with visitors to ensure that the proposals are relevant and admin support will be provided by giving additional hours to an existing member of staff.

Grant awarded 15 September 2011

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Training Skills and Development Programme Phase 1 - Training Needs Analysis

Mull and Iona Community Trust

www.mict.co.uk

Project cost: £17668 Eligible cost: £17668 Grant award: £8641

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £9027

In-kind match funding: £

Access to good quality training opportunities for individuals, community groups and employees on Mull and Iona are very restricted, often involving travel, time and expense to leave the island. As a result many individuals and businesses are unable to spare the time and money to improve their skill base. In addition, a number of opportunities in various growth sectors (for example renewable energy, social care) are projected in the next few years however most islanders are unlikely to have the skills required to capitalise on these opportunities

Mull & Iona Community Trust aim to address the issue by working with a training needs analysis specialist over a 6 month period to research, existing skills, the utilisation of these and the gaps in the training needs of islanders, island businesses and third sector / community groups (including those most disadvantaged) as well as research and documenting any industry skills gaps

This work will result in a comprehensive training needs analysis and training feasibility report. The administration support and project management will be provided by offering additional hours to existing members of staff.

Grant awarded 13 September 2012

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Fionnphort / Iona Masterplan

Sound of Iona Harbours Committee

Project cost: £25000 Eligible cost: £25000 Grant award: £11250

Public match funding: £12500 Private match funding: £1250

In-kind match funding: £

The pier areas at Fionnphort, Mull and at Baile Mor, Isle of Iona have experienced piece-meal development over the last decades. Currently the slipways provide only limited capacity to accommodate the very large number of tourists visiting Iona and the areas round the piers provide limited and ageing facilities. The street scene is poorly developed; signage is obtrusive, with poor linkages to car parking and the small commercial quarter. Access to the beach is particularly poor and the retail offer at the pier is very limited.

The overall aim of the project is to commission a master plan to address these issues and to create a clear plan to tackle the regeneration of the area in a coordinated fashion. Project activities include liaison with the community on terms of reference for the master plan, this will include consultation using various methods such as public meetings, email, advertising on noticeboards, telephone, one to one and group meetings. A workshop to raise awareness of the project and encourage people to get involved will be held and a further consultation on the final draft of the plan will be undertaken.

The master plan will be produced by a consultant and Sound of Iona Harbours Committee will manage the project on an in kind basis

Grant awarded 15 May 2013

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Phase 1 - Feasibility & Options Study

Iona Village Hall

www.ionavillagehall.org

Project cost: £21300 Eligible cost: £21300 Grant award: £10650

Public match funding: £9585 Private match funding: £15

In-kind match funding: £1050

Iona Village Hall is situated on the Isle of Iona and was opened in 1928. It has undergone various improvements since that time, including the addition of toilets and a kitchen in the 1970's. Whilst well-used, the hall is no longer 'fit for purpose', requiring major repairs to both the fabric of the building and the facilities contained within. The aim of the project is to undertake a Feasibility & Options Study to determine the best way to develop the hall for future use.

This will be achieved by

- appointing qualified and experienced consultant to assess need and demand, undertake an options appraisal, produce a Business Plan and funding strategy,
- appointing a professional to undertake structural assessment of the building,
- appointing a design team to produce costed design options in line with the consultant's findings.
- liaising with Aros and Pennyghael committees who are undertaking similar projects on the Isle of Mull to seek peer support, share best practice and learning.
- hosting a community workshop which will raise awareness of and seek input into the options for the future, fundraising, hall management and other areas.

The overall project will be managed by members of the Iona Village Hall Committee.

Grant awarded 15 September 2011

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Argyll Islands Native Woodlands

Mull and Iona Community Trust

www.mict.co.uk

Project cost: £86543 Eligible cost: £82543 Grant award: £41272

Public match funding: £28000 Private match funding: £13271

In-kind match funding: £

Mull & Iona Community Trust is a member of the Argyll Native Woodlands Partnership and is making the application on behalf of the group.

The aim of the project is to run a two year promotion of the opportunities provided by the native woodlands found on the islands of Mull, Iona, Ulva, Islay, Jura, Gigha, Colonsay, Scarba and Lismore. This will include 6 demonstration sites showing different best practice models of woodland management, related workshops and skills training and 9 different aspects of woodland management ranging from biodiversity through eco tourism and access to adding value to primary products. The outcomes will be delivered by employing a project officer.

The project is designed to be finite with the activities promoted being adopted by interested parties via SRDP Rural Priorities, Forestry Challenge funds or mainstreaming into normal work practices as appropriate.

Grant awarded 27 June 2008