



ISLAND GATHERING ON GRIMSAY 30th SEPTEMBER TO 4th OCTOBER, 2019

including

SCOTTISH ISLANDS FEDERATION AGM AND GATHERING (1-4 OCTOBER)

**SMART ISLANDS IN SCOTLAND AND IRELAND: SUPPORTING ENTERPRISES AND YOUNG PEOPLE
(LEADER TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT) (31 SEPT – 4 OCTOBER)
with participants from Irish islands**

COMMUNITY LEARNING EXCHANGE VISITS

IDENTIFYING AREAS OF GOOD PRACTICE

SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF INNOVATION

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR ISLAND COMMUNITIES

	Session 1 (9:15-10:45)	Session 2 (11:15-12:45)	Session 3 (1:45-3:15)	Session 4 (3:45-5:15)	Evening
Monday, 30th Sept	Smart Islands in Scotland and Ireland: <i>Introducing & exploring transnational Leader project: Enterprising communities, enterprising young people Developing local economic literacy Community coaching for enterprise Community-based research</i>		Culture: Identity, Development and Repopulation: <i>Identity & culture, social & economic development on islands in the Gaeltacht & the Gàidhealtachd</i>	Islands skills: Crofting and farming <i>Insights from Scottish and Irish islands, and the links between conserving land and culture</i>	Dinner 6pm
Tuesday, 1st Oct	VISITS Island Skills: <i>E-Sgoil (web-based learning), Carinish, North Uist Hebridean Jewellery, lochdar, S Uist, worker's coop Neil MacPhearson: tutor, crofting course at 2ry school Polycrub, Torlum: community-based horticulture</i>		Island Skills: Recruit & Retain: <i>Educating young people for the local economy, not for export Developing modern & trad skills on the islands</i>	Islands and tourism: <i>Perspectives from the Outer Hebrides, Tiree and Ireland</i>	Dinner 6pm Informal Island Catch-up Session <i>both at Grimsay</i>
Wednesday, 2nd Oct <i>The day's programme will begin with quick intro from SIF Chair, and intro about Grimsay and Grimsay Community Association</i>	Young islanders, Young entrepreneurs <i>Hearing from young entrepreneurs (North Uist Distillery, Scandinavian bakery, Forest Retreat) and other young islanders (Island culture/crofts, housing, befriending & addiction support, community sports) What has made the difference: Uist, Scotland, Ireland? What makes young people stay, return, settle? What can islands do to attract/support young people? Potential working group on young islanders?</i>		Island Data & the Rural College (SRUC)/SIF project (1 hr post lunch) <i>Developing island data and sustainability indicators. What exists? What is needed? Learn from Islands Revival Blog Compare Irish situation</i>	VISITS North Uist, South Uist and Benbecula (3 hours in afternoon) South: <i>Cothrom/ReStore: adult educ/ recycling/horticulture Kildonan Museum</i> North: see below right	6:30pm Dinner 7:30 Welcome ceilidh for Irish and Scottish participants: <i>Ceann na h-Àirigh, Grimsay with young musicians and Scottish and Irish participants</i>
Thursday, 3rd Oct	Smart Islands: creating a Circular Economy <i>Island Circular Economies Zero Waste Scotland on deposit return scheme and other island initiatives The planned Scottish National Investment Bank S.I.F.'s draft marine plastic strategy</i>	Smart Islands: Ownership of Assets: <i>Taking over mgt of crown estate assets (Galson community estate; Nicola, Strathclyde Uni) Renewable energy (CES and Jura DT) The Clean EU Island Pledge</i>	Islands Plan & SG Islands Team (1:45 – 3:30) <i>Message from Minister; How members can support implementation of plan; Concerns & how to address Measuring outcomes; Good governance of Plan; How SG Island Team best supports communities</i>	Grimsay: <i>Visit to Uist Wool Short session on fisheries: Video on fisheries & culture in the Outer Hebrides; Heritage Fisheries in Ireland and discussion</i>	S.I.F. AGM 5:30 – 6:00 6pm Dinner 7:30 Evening ceilidh at Stoneybridge Hall: <i>Scottish & Irish participants, local Accordion & Fiddle Club, local dance tutors Neil & Morag leading ceilidh dancing</i>
Friday, 4th Oct	Fisheries and boat-building, including VISITS		Community Land Ownership:	Repopulating islands and summarising learnings	North Uist visits on Wed 2nd afternoon: Coral Box,

	<p><i>** Visit to Grimsay Boatshed: continuing traditional skills; driving community and local development</i></p> <p><i>** Visit to Grimsay's Kallin Harbour, the main fishing port on Uist</i></p>	<p><i>Transforming island communities across the Outer Hebrides and beyond</i></p>	<p>from week</p> <p><i>What is driving population growth/revival on islands? Drawing out key lessons. Where now in the Smart Islands project?</i></p>	<p><i>Berneray, Young Woman Tourist Entrepreneur of Yr; Taigh Chearsabhagh, Arts Centre, Lochmaddy</i></p> <p><i>Ellis O'Connor: climate change artist, yng leader</i></p>
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