

Coll and Tiree

Communications Package, Phase One: Improving access and branding

Development Coll

Project cost: £2676 Eligible cost: £2676 Grant award: £1230

Public match funding: £1000 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £446

Development Coll was established following the Isle of Coll receiving Initiative at the Edge status in 2004.

The aim of the project is to set up an efficient communications network to ensure that the community are kept fully informed of the activities of Development Coll and the Initiative at the Edge process. This will be IT based and the group are applying for assistance in setting up a custom built data base, development of two websites (one general ,one specifically for a major project -community centre) and training in use for project officers (2 part time employed)

Grant awarded 27 June 2008

Coll and Tiree

Increasing the skill base of the voluntary sector on Coll

Development Coll

Project cost: £2920 Eligible cost: £2920 Grant award: £1460

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £1460

In-kind match funding: £

The aim of the project is to increase the capacity of community organisations based on Coll and Tiree to undertake projects and see them to a successful conclusion

This will be achieved by buying in an accredited trainer to deliver 3 bespoke training sessions:

1) for directors of Development Coll, Project Trust, Tiree Rural Development and Tiree Community Trust to receive an overview of PRINCE2 at executive level.

Places required = 10

2). A session for project managers/community leaders within the communities of Coll and Tiree to receive an overview of PRINCE2 at project manager level. Places required = 8

3).A session for Development Coll's two local development officers to receive project-specific training. Places required = 2

The training sessions will be held on Coll and travel and accommodation for Tiree participants has been included in the project costs. This gives the added benefit of groups from the islands the opportunity to meet and discuss common issues relating to project delivery on the islands as well as attending the training sessions.

Grant awarded 11 March 2010

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Tiree Traditional Boat Builders Skills Training

Tiree Maritime Trust

Project cost: £52200 Eligible cost: £45000 Grant award: £13500

Public match funding: £29270 Private match funding: £2230

In-kind match funding: £

The Tiree Maritime Trust formed in 2005 to advance education and training in traditional boat building and maintenance on Tiree and encourage local interest in the traditional wooden working boats of the area and the maritime heritage that surrounds them, and thereby pass on skills in the same.

The aim of the project is to establish a core of at least six local people with basic traditional wooden boat building and boat maintenance skills and rescue 3 traditional Tiree boats for use for the continued involvement of people in the traditional maritime heritage skill and knowledge.

This will be achieved by running 3 x two week traditional boat building courses lead by two professional qualified visiting boat builders assisted by two volunteers from the Trust who will organise and assist with the management of the course as well as attending the courses to assist with on-the-ground work involved with running the courses. Two boats will be worked on during each course allowing three students and one volunteer per tutor per boat.

The courses will be held in the auction ring area of the Tiree Rural Centre which can be safely open to the public for spectators whilst work is on going. Awareness will be raised by recording the courses and reproducing the activities as an exhibition along with either a film or a publication.

Grant awarded 27 March 2009

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Tiree Community Buildings Go Green (TRD)

Tiree Rural Development Limited

www.tireerd.org.uk

Project cost: £67575 Eligible cost: £63625 Grant award: £31812

Public match funding: £31813 Private match funding: £0

In-kind match funding: £

Tiree Community Buildings Go Green is an informal group of 4 community organisations who, supported by the Tiree Community Powerdown Officer, are working together share effort in funding, planning, procurement of renewable energy. The other groups are An Talla (Tiree Community Hall), Tiree Community Business (the Island Centre) and Tiree Golf Club. This application relates to Tiree Rural Development which provides a diverse range of activities including an auction mart, community cinema, interpretation centre, library, office space and a cafe from its building near the airport.

This project aims to make the Tiree Rural Centre self sufficient in energy use become a leader in energy management as part of the community aspiration of Tiree becoming an energy neutral island. Energy costs are the highest annual overhead for the running of the building. This will be achieved by purchasing and install a 20 kW grid connected turbine, solar thermal panels and an industrial storage heater and training of a local person as an approved turbine installer/maintenance engineer.

The project will raise awareness of energy conservation opportunities in other community run buildings on Tiree. The project will be managed by the Community Powerdown Officer .

Grant awarded 16 September 2010

Coll and Tiree

Access Infrastructure Consultation

Tiree Rural Development Limited

www.tireerd.org.uk

Project cost: £6354 Eligible cost: £6354 Grant award: £3154

Public match funding: £2816 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £384

Tiree Rural Development Ltd is a member of the Tiree Access Steering Group and has taken on the responsibility of taking forward this project on behalf of the group. Tiree's natural environment is of international importance with protected species and habitats over much of the island. It supports an active crofting community and is also a highly regarded area for windsurfing and a tourist destination. A seasonal Access Officer service was established on Tiree in 2008 to start to address issues relating to access to the land which started to arise as numbers of visitors and land users have grown.

The aim of the project is to build on the work of the Tiree Access Steering Group by producing a succinct report detailing recommendations with costs for sustainable solutions to access infrastructure development on Tiree

A specialist contractor will be engaged to complete a community consultation and produce a report to support future applications for capital funding for infrastructure work to improve access to the land on Tiree. The consultant will be supported by 2 delegated volunteers from the Tiree Access Steering Group led by TRD. Specialist environmental and design advice will be sought as required.

Grant awarded 16 December 2010

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Tiree Goose Management Training Project

Tiree Rural Development Limited

www.tireerd.org.uk

Project cost: £3790 Eligible cost: £3768 Grant award: £1884

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £1000

In-kind match funding: £884

25 years ago Greylag Geese were present in Tiree only in very small numbers, and only as wintering migrants. Today the population numbers thousands and birds are present all year round. In the summer of 2010 there were an estimated 2600 –3000 Geese on Tiree. The birds cause great damage to the crofting agriculture, eating flattening and fouling grass grown for grazing and for silage, destroying re-seeds and crops such as corn, arable silage mixtures and potatoes.

The aim of the project is to provide local crofters with the knowledge, training and skills to locate Greylag nests and oil eggs (under licence from SGRPID) to prevent them hatching whilst causing minimal disturbance to other wildlife. This will be carried out alongside the operation of the existing Tiree and Coll Goose Scheme, with the objective of humanely reducing the breeding population of geese to a level which is compatible with the survival of traditional crofting agriculture.

This will be achieved by running a Workshop to explain the project background aims and operation. and providing 'on the job' training by professional gamekeeper of 8-10 local people to effectively locate nests and oil eggs while causing minimal disturbance to other wildlife and livestock. Numbers of nests found and eggs oiled will be recorded and the information passed to RSPB who will continue to monitor geese numbers.

Grant awarded 10 March 2011