



Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report

Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	Argyll and the Islands LEADER Local Action Group
CPP Thematic Group (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)	Economy
CPP Outcome (please select – you can select more than one outcome)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP10 – our diverse culture is celebrated

**Activity
Summary in
Period**
(please state
period you are
reporting on)

Reporting Period : 1st May 2011 – 31st July 2011

Since it began allocating funds in May 2008, the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme (including the Convergence Programme) has played a significant role in aiding economic recovery. The LAG has awarded £5,722,693 of grant funding to 183 projects - a substantial cash injection for communities across Argyll and the Islands.

During the first quarter of 2011/12 at the June LEADER LAG (fourteenth round) a total of 12 projects were awarded funding totalling £319,627. A few examples to highlight are as follows:

- a) HopScotch Good Broadband Cooperative Ltd– HopScotch Broadband Connectivity on Isles of Tiree and Bute £46,000: Over the coming years the HopScotch project aims to deliver high speed internet to remote areas of Scotland (specifically the Highlands and Islands) in order to support local community social and economic development. The first phase of HopScotch cooperative activity will be on the Isles of Tiree and Bute and aims to set up sustainable and fit-for-environment high speed wireless internet connections to households and small businesses
- b) Laggan Opportunity and Amenity Fund (LOAF) Machrahanish Play Park £48,370: a small community group taking positive action to improve the community facilities in their area.
- c) Campbeltown Community Council Campbeltown Town Hall – Community Consultation and engagement phase £10,000: salary support for a development worker to assist with community engagement and to take the overall Campbeltown Town Hall project to the next stage (implementation)

Full details all projects funded are available on our website

www.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk

THE NEXT FUNDING MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 15th of September 2011

Subsequent meetings will be held quarterly throughout the life of the programme.

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The Argyll and the Islands LEADER LAG Annual Report 2010/11 is due to be published at the end of August.

European Fisheries Fund (EFF) Axis 4 - £305,000 of monies for Argyll and Bute to be disseminated by the establishment of a Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG). Expression of interest submitted by Lead Partner (Ishabel Bremner) on 24 May 2011. It is proposed that we work in partnership with the coastal communities within in South Ayrshire to form a FLAG

Key Challenges & Actions to Address		
	Challenge	Action to Address
	The current economic situation continues to have an impact on the funding available to groups developing projects	Continue to signpost projects to the most appropriate funder to maximise resources
	Ensuring that there is a good level of awareness of the LEADER programme throughout Argyll and the Islands so that groups are aware of the types of project that can be funded by the programme and how to apply if relevant	Ensuring that information about LEADER is widely available so that groups are aware of the types of project that can be funded by the programme and how to apply if relevant
	The development of the new LEADER Programme for 20014 – 2020	Participate in the development of the new programme at a local, National and European level
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