

Scotland - Round 2 Awards - Highlands and Islands

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AWARD
Transition Black Isle	Transition Black Isle's project aims to develop cycle tourism on The Black Isle. Linking with other routes within Cromarty and Easter Ross, the project will publish routes, provide visitor information and signage, improve routes, establish a community enterprise bike hire company and offer guided bike trips of the area to boost cycle-tourism and bring new visitors to the area, particularly in the off-peak season. Collaborating with existing tourism businesses, as well as existing transport providers, TBI will use the area's widely recognised wildlife and heritage to establish the Black Isle as a major cycling destination, providing the area with a sound basis for sustained economic growth and job creation.	£123,504
The Three Harbours Association	The Three Harbours Association's project aims to create a multi-purpose small boat/canoeing/kayaking/sailing/diving school in the former boat store adjacent to Cullen Harbour, Moray and which will support economic development and training opportunities across the former fishing communities of Cullen, Findochty and Portknockie on the Moray Firth. The capital build element will support the extensive refurbishment of the currently derelict building to provide a hub for the delivery of all activities. The facilities will be available for local hire and will include a workshop, storage, meeting (indoor & outdoor) /teaching/exhibition space and refreshment facilities.	£504,639

The Venture Trust	Based at their recently refurbished Hartfield House Centre at Applecross, this project by the Venture Trust aims to boost the local economy and create jobs locally. Venture Trust reopened the House in April 2013 as a SYHA affiliated hostel and have launched Venture Mhor as a social enterprise to support their charitable activities. Funding will support Phase 2 of the refurbishment works, carrying out additional capital works to improve facilities and support the delivery and marketing of adventure tourism activities which will increase visitors to the area.	£144,862
Mull and Iona Community Trust	Mull & Iona Community Trust's project aims to provide Ulva Ferry, on the west coast of Mull, with a pontoon and shore facilities to attract visiting yachtsmen, tour operators, campers and fishermen to visit this remote but stunning part of the Inner Hebrides and thereby provide direct and indirect employment opportunities whilst also safeguarding existing jobs through business support and development. MICT's project is for Phase 1 of a two Phase scheme. Phase 1 involves the installation of a pontoon system and berths for 6 yachts with an additional 3 visitor moorings;	£451,282
Port Ellen Harbour Association Limited	Based in Port Ellen, Islay, the Harbour Association aims to promote economic growth through expansion of their existing marina facility, directly creating a Harbour Master position and indirect employment in local shops, restaurants, bars etc. The Marina is currently at full capacity throughout the summer months. The funding sought will install extended pontoon facilities which will enable a range of larger tourist vessels to berth and will also support survey, maintenance and employee transfer boats currently engaged in offshore tidal and wind turbine renewable energy projects during the winter months.	£445,038

<p>Shetland Fisheries Training Centre Trust</p>	<p>This two year project by the Shetland Fisheries Training Centre Trust, aims to improve the local economy through research into the commercial production and use of marine seaweeds. The project will establish the infrastructure and expertise to facilitate diversification towards a viable seaweed production industry within Shetland using sustainable, environmentally friendly growing techniques. The project will create direct jobs in the seaweed rope hatchery and management and further indirect jobs through transportation, processing etc.</p>	<p>£343,447</p>
<p>West Harris Trust</p>	<p>West Harris Trust as a community landowner seeks funds to establish a Community Enterprise Centre close to Horgabost . The building will become the hub of community, visitor and business activity and will provide facilities for social and private enterprise, community activities and tourism facilities, the aim of which is to create much needed economic development and employment opportunities.</p>	<p>£450,000</p>
<p>Leverburgh Moorings Association</p>	<p>The project by Leverburgh Moorings Association seeks capital funding to create a slipway and dry berthing pad, which will facilitate hauling out, drying and maintenance of the local fishing fleet and other vessels using the harbour. The project will sustain existing local jobs in fishing and tourism whilst also opening up opportunities for commercial and tourist vessels.</p>	<p>£87,600</p>

<p>Hebridean Whale And Dolphin Trust Ltd</p>	<p>Based in Tobermory, on the Isle of Mull, Scotland, the Hebridean Whales and Dolphin Trust Ltd's project aims to improve eco-tourism on the West coast of Scotland, bring in new revenue streams for the local communities and creating new and helping to safeguard existing jobs within marine and tourism based business. This project will improve the visitor centre, work with other organisations and communities, and keep up-to-date records of marine life in the area. This will enable the group to provide reliable information to both visitors and eco-tourist providers, and monitor the biodiversity of the area. Across the Inner Hebrides 15 locations will be supported through training and developing volunteers to record sightings across their area and work with their community and local business by providing education and tourist materials to sustain and enhance marine based eco-tourism.</p>	<p>£217,544</p>
<p>Stronsay Community Council</p>	<p>Stronsay Community Council seek capital support towards renovating the 'Fish Mart' building, to create a multi-purpose community space in the heart of the village that can be used for a range of social events. Renovation of the Fish Mart also includes transforming a hostel area to create four family friendly en-suite bedrooms, a self-catering kitchen and lounge area. The project also involves upgrading the community/café section of the building with a modern purpose built kitchen and multi-purpose seating space for diners. These changes will attract visitors to the island and therefore greater visitor spend, while at the same time providing new opportunities for Island residents to access a range of services.</p>	<p>£80,000</p>

Scotland - Round 2 Awards – Rest of Scotland

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AWARD
Eastriggs and Gretna Heritage Group	Eastriggs and Gretna Heritage Group (EGH) will set up and establish the new Devil's Porridge Museum in Dumfries and Galloway which will continue to share the story of the WW1 munitions heritage of this region. EGH aim to attract more visitors by providing high quality and accessible interactive displays. In addition, they intend to employ a Museum/Education Officer to enable them to achieve the highest standards of museum professionalism and to allow them to involve community groups as well as local and regional school parties from both sides of the border.	£258,700
The Arran Access Trust	Arran Access Trust (AAT) aim to enhance the existing coastal walking trail, the Arran Coastal Way close to Lamlash, Brodick, Lochranza and Kildonan, upgrading existing sections, creating new sections and adding interpretation and signage on this 65 mile circular trail around the coast of Arran. This project will increase visitor numbers and length of stay on Arran bringing increased visitor expenditure and an extension of the tourism season whilst creating new jobs within the tourism sector. AAT will bring the Arran Coastal Way up to the standard required to achieve Scotlands' Great Trails accreditation and be recognised as the finest circular coastal route in Scotland.	£278,713
North Ayrshire Council	This project by North Ayrshire Council will boost the local economy creating direct and indirect jobs in tourism and hospitality through the creation of an additional 28 mooring berths at Millport, Whiting Bay, Blackwaterfoot and Pirnmill,	£99,160

	<p>benefitting the rural island economies of Cumbrae and Arran. In addition, the project will support certificated tourism customer service training places within these coastal communities.</p>	
<p>The Gunsgreen House Trust</p>	<p>Gunsgreen House Trust's project will develop a branded "Smugglers' Coast" coastal trail, enhancing the existing and popular Berwickshire Coastal Path (between Eyemouth and St Abbs' Head), providing a variety of interpretation materials and new access points to celebrate the area's rich history. The improved trail will be developed in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland and Scottish Borders' Council's countryside access team and will involve creation of interpretation panels, IT applications and leaflets, displays at Gunsgreen House and NTS' St Abbs' Head reserve, improved paths enabling full access and a number of spurs connecting the identified sites with the road network.</p>	<p>£208,125</p>
<p>The Ridge (Scotland) CIC</p>	<p>This two year project by The Ridge (Scotland) CIC, based in Dunbar, East Lothian will improve the local economy by directly creating jobs within the local community through delivering a tailored, accredited training programme providing job skills suited to the local job market (food production, horticulture, and fisheries) and creating the infrastructure for a new food and craft market promoting local produce and businesses and enabling access to the wider wholesale market.</p>	<p>£200,000</p>

<p>Stonehaven Town Partnership</p>	<p>Stonehaven Town Partnership seeks funding to set up and operate a Land Train service linking the town's tourist destinations, and employ a project manager to oversee the LT project and pursue other, identified, development opportunities to improve the town tourism base. 2 carriages will run between the historic Dunnottar Castle on the southern outskirts of Stonehaven through the town to the Caravan Park and heated outdoor pool at the northern end.</p>	<p>£306,755</p>
<p>Cambo Institute</p>	<p>The Cambo Institute in the East Neuk of Fife will restore a number of heritage buildings on the Cambo Estate. This is part of their vision to establish a cultural centre which will provide employment opportunities, provision of space for exhibitions, opportunities for local artists and crafts people to sell their work, and space for food businesses to sell produce at a farm shop.</p>	<p>£100,000</p>
<p>Fife Coast and Countryside Trust</p>	<p>Fife Coast and Countryside Trust seeks to improve the Fife Coastal Path through upgrading, re-routing and improvements. The project will restore Pathhead Sands to bathing beach standards and upgrade safety equipment on Fife's bathing beaches to improve and support the visitor experience. A number of coastal path sections will be improved with some re-routing to avoid use of public roads and to improve safety where significant erosion has impacted the existing path. In support of improvements elements of woodland management and removal of invasive plants and restore natural habitats. The improvements overall will attract additional visitors and make tourist and hospitality businesses along the path more accessible to walkers which in turn will lead to additional tourism expenditure and job creation.</p>	<p>£275,147</p>

<p>The Adam Smith Global Foundation</p>	<p>The Adam Smith Global Foundation aims to develop a 19th Century listed building linked to the internationally recognised economist and leader of the Scottish Enlightenment Adam Smith, who was born in Kirkcaldy. Centrally located on the Esplanade in the town's "Merchant Quarter", the new Visitor Centre (ground floor) and Enterprise Hub (first floor) will provide exhibition and retail space celebrating his life and achievements as well as incubation space for 3 new businesses. The Visitor Centre will also act as a focus for international visitors and events associated with Adam Smith and contribute to the regeneration of the town, creating jobs supporting tourism, retail in crafts/creative industries and heritage.</p>	<p>£400,330</p>
<p>Firth of Forth Lobster Hatchery</p>	<p>The Firth of Forth Lobster Hatchery Limited seeks to develop a lobster hatchery based within North Berwick Harbour in a new container that will house both the hatchery equipment and further develop their small visitor centre. Additional visitors attracted to the area as a result of the new set up will contribute to the local economy leading to potential for indirect job creation.</p>	<p>£188,006</p>