

Traditional Arts Education, Learning for Sustainability & Outdoor Learning



Bringing the Highland landscape alive
for young people and teachers

Join us for a day of shared learning bringing together teachers, educators, tutors and practitioners working in **Traditional Arts** education, **Outdoor Learning** and **Learning for Sustainability** in the Highlands, asking: **What can we learn from each other?**

With talks, workshops and activities from staff at [The Shieling Project](#), **Margaret Bennett**, **Roddy MacLean/Ruairidh MacIlleathain**, **Raghnaid Sandilands (Fèis Farr)** and **Rachael Duff (Fèis Rois)**. Following the day's activities, join us for a traditional cèilidh in the evening (instruments and voices welcome), try our famous cobb oven pizza and spend the night in one of our shieling bothies! With special guest performances at the cèilidh from [Brian Ó hEadhra](#) | [Fiona Mackenzie](#), sharing music from their new album, 'Tìr: Highland Life and Lore.'

Date/Time/Venue:

Saturday 22nd September

10.30am – 4.30pm (followed by Pizza and Traditional Ceilidh at 7pm)

The Shieling Project, Struy, IV4 7JX (near Beauly)

See www.theshielingproject.org/how-to-find-us/ for directions

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/213825335974261>

Booking:

£15 Full Day Talks/Workshops (includes soup lunch)

£25 Full Day, Pizza & Cèilidh

£40 Full Day, Pizza, Cèilidh & Bothy Accommodation

Spaces are limited. Please email **Mairi McFadyen** at hello@mairimcfadyen.scot to book.

Payments via donation button on our website www.theshielingproject.org

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Programme:

10.30 Arrivals/Tea & Coffee with music from Fèis Rois

11.00 Welcome & Intro from The Shieling Project team

11.10 Traditions of the Shieling: Folklore & Folklife – Margaret Bennett

11.30 Questions for the day:

What can we learn from each other?

12.00 Talks:

‘Air An Àirigh: Place-based Education at The Shieling Project, Glen Strathfarrar’ – Staff at the Shieling Project

‘“Fionn’s Fidget Spinners”: Local Legends in the Landscape with Fèis Farr’ – Raghnaid Sandilands

‘Connecting Music, People and Place with Fèis Rois’ – Rachael Duff

1.00 Lunch & Activity options:

- Tour of Shieling Bothies
- Interactive story session with Kate Langhorne (DASG)
- Shieling activities (weather dependent)

2.00 Afternoon workshop (talk followed by small group activities)

Celebrating our Maps - Colours and Plants in the Gaelic Landscape – Roddy MacLean

Tea break

4.00 Discussion, round up and take-aways

4.30 Finish

For those staying on, activity options:

- Tour of Shieling Bothies
- Interactive story session with Kate Langhorne (DASG)
- Shieling activities (weather dependent)

5.30 Cobb Oven Pizza

7.00 Traditional Cèilidh in An Talla – instruments and voices welcome!

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Contributors:

Margaret Bennett

Margaret Bennet is one of Scotland's most distinguished folklorists, as well as an internationally recognised singer, teacher, author and broadcaster. Now living in Perthshire, she has been recording people from various walks of life there to conserve their reminiscences and traditions for future generations. <https://www.margaretbennett.co.uk>

Roddy MacLean / Ruairidh MacIleathain

Roddy is an Inverness-based Gaelic journalist, broadcaster and author of publications on Highland place names. Much of his professional life is concerned with assisting Gaelic learners to reach fluency through, for example, his 'Letter for Learners' on *BBC Radio nan Gàidheal*. He has also worked on developing a greater understanding within Scotland's Gaelic-speaking population of the relationship between Gaelic language and culture and the local environment.

Raghnaid Sandilands

Raghnaid Sandilands is a writer, publisher and former Gaelic teacher. She runs the local *Fèis Farr*, exploring creative place-based projects and inspiring wee imaginations. She is involved with Fearnag Growers - *Lios na Feàrnaig*, a community-run allotment project which offers talks and creative workshops for the local community. www.raghnaidsandilands.scot

Fèis Rois

Fèis Rois enables people of all ages to access, participate in and enjoy the traditional arts and Gaelic language. Based in Dingwall, Fèis Rois aims to give young people and lifelong learners the opportunity to experience and engage with traditional music and Gaelic culture in a way that supports them in developing their social skills and inspires them to reach their full potential. <https://www.feisrois.org/>

Brian Ó hEadhra | Fiona Mackenzie

Brian Ó hEadhra | Fiona Mackenzie are acclaimed singer-songwriters based in Inverness. Their duo debut album, *Tìr: Highland Life and Lore* - produced by Mike Vass - is a sound and visual project featuring traditional and contemporary song from the Highlands of Scotland. Their song writing draws inspiration from Gaelic folklore as well as contemporary matters, including land reform, engaging with our environment, questioning of authority and life, love and loss.

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