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WHAT WE DO

Our role and remit is to provide development, management, funding and evaluation support for the community sector in Argyll and Bute. Set up as a social enterprise in 2009 to ensure that that revenue generated from delivery of consultancy services can be retained and reinvested in the community sector. This is done through the provision of assistance in kind and grant support. Member organisations include: Fyne Futures, Kintyre Recycling, Auchindrain Trust, Bridgend Community Centre and Kintyre Environmental Group. InspirAlba is governed by a board of directors, from membership organisations who share the same passion for social enterprise and environmental sustainability.

AREAS OF ACTIVITY

- PROJECT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
- SOCIAL ENTERPRISE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION
- PROJECTING COSTS, MANAGING BUDGETS AND SECURING FUNDING
- DESIGN AND DELIVERY OF TRAINING RESOURCES



"InspirAlba have been the key to formulating a good project plan and provide continuing support. We came to them with the original idea and they helped to guide us through the maze of funding issues. We now have a successful funding package with clear goals outcomes and outputs".

Jim Paterson, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust

Providing support to community based organisations

Fyne Futures Wider Role projects and associated match funding submissions deliver a range of community benefits across the area including: Kintyre Food and Health; Bute Produce; Community Recycling; Wider Role Strategy Support and Support to Young Tenants. Ongoing support for Fyne Futures social enterprise activities.

Argyll Training – Providing support on Future Jobs Fund programme. 35 employment opportunities with Social Enterprise organisations across Argyll, with additional business support for host employment organisations to allow them to develop growth while they have additional staff resource, with the aim of retaining employees for the longer term. Additional support provided to organisations to apply for Community Jobs Fund bids for 15 placements across Argyll.

Kintyre Recycling Limited – Support over the past year to minimise the impact of Public Sector Cuts and develop additional income streams to support employment opportunities for people with special needs and barriers to employment.

ABSEN – Continued support for Local Services Initiative, now gaining momentum and recent appointment of graduate to support communications. Support as a Board member for the running of the network.

Just Enterprise – Business support work as part of Just Enterprise Consortium. This has to date included support to: GRAB Trust, West Ardnamurachan Community Garden, Phoenix Cinema. Feedback from client organisations have been very positive.

South Kintyre Development Trust – Support for South Kintyre Community Plan. A community consultation to identify local priorities in South Kintyre. Liaison with HIE regarding future opportunities for ongoing support to build on this work.

Argyll and Bute Council – Viewpoint Tour being led by Community Development Team of the Council and work with Campbeltown Town Centre Initiative.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust – Development and Management support for Local Produce Transnational European project, including Islay House Kitchen Garden, Tarbert Healing Garden and Campbeltown Community Organic Garden.



Fyne Futures Green Box Scheme



Making Bird Boxes at CCOG

Inspiralba were fantastically helpful to us in working up our project and obtaining funding. A stream of positive, constructive and forward-looking ideas for community development initiatives, which tied in well with our overall goals AND met funders' criteria. Then, great practical help in drafting up grant applications phrased in just the right ways. Hope to work with you again."

Bob Clark, Development Manager Auchindrain Trust.

SOME OF THE ORGANISATIONS INSPIRALBA HAS WORKED WITH

Fyne Futures

Over the past year Fyne Futures has extended their activities and have extended their furniture reuse services. A Reuse Joiner and Furniture Co-ordinator was appointed via Future Jobs Fund and along with a team of dedicated volunteers has developed furniture sales over the last year. The old School Gym Hall provides an excellent show room facility for the range of furniture on offer.



Learning Visit to Furniture Showroom

The organisation has also been able to negotiate ongoing delivery of Kerbside and Bring Site Recycling Services for Argyll and Bute Council. Biodiesel produced on site fuels the companies vehicles with excess supplies being sold to community based organisations.

Bute Produce now have a 'Veg Shack' on site as well as extending their Green Box Delivery Scheme and offering a bespoke box service. The sale of fruit and vegetable sales, along with income generated by 'Jenny' a 6kw wind turbine at the Ashfield Site help sustain the business. .

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust

Inspiralba have been working with Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust over the past year to allow the organisation to extend and develop their local produce activities. This has allowed the organisation to build on their successful Big Green Tarbert activities.

With support the Trust have established a partnership involving, Tarbert Healing Garden, Kintyre Environmental Group and Bridgend Community Garden. £181,316 has been secured, including £121,482 from Argyll and Islands Leader to enable the community garden projects to promote local produce for local people across Kintyre, Islay and Gigha.

Local organisations will also learn through partnership working with organisations in Sweden through a transnational collaboration.



Learning about growing local food at Tarbert After School Club.

Argyll and Bute Council Viewpoint Tour

Inspiralba has assisted Argyll and Bute Council to develop and project outline and secure funding from Argyll and Islands Leader to deliver a programme of Community Engagement Events using Drama.

The Drama is used as a catalyst for the audience to consider issues which impact on their community as well as reflecting on the positive attributes and aspirations for the future.



Viewpoint Presentation - Islay

Participant feedback:

'I enjoyed the play, glad they included the advantages and disadvantages of living in a rural area. I would like to see and hear more of this sort of thing. Thanks'.

FUNDING & INCOME GENERATION - Inspiralba has assisted Argyll Based organisations to secure over £1.45 million of funding from a range of sources including: Scottish Government Wider Role and Climate Challenge Funds, Argyll and The Islands Leader, Big Lottery, and a range of Grant Making Trusts.

In addition social enterprises have been encouraged to focus on income from business growth and diversification to ensure they are less reliant on grant subsidy.

Inspiralba Staff, Associates and Directors

Directors: Inspiralba is governed by a board of Directors from our membership. Our Directors are: Tom McKay (Chair), Colin Renfrew (Treasurer), Peter McDonald (Director), Amanda Card (Director) and Ailsa Clark (Executive Director).

Ailsa Clark works for Inspiralba and manages the workload of the company as well as delivering development and management support across the area. In addition we have James Hilder, Ann Bolton, Jackie Fulton and Campbell Cameron as Inspiralba Associates. Together this team has a wealth of experience in social enterprise, third sector, development trusts, fundraising and marketing, allowing us to deliver quality support to the sector across Argyll and Bute.



Calums Cabin received support to extend their Future Jobs Employee who works in Calums Cabin Charity Shop. The Charity Shop generates income to assist with the costs of providing the holiday cabin for families who are dealing with a child with cancer to have a wonderful holiday on the Isle of Bute.

- **Inspiralba delivers business support as part of the Just Enterprise Consortium.**
- **A member of Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network delivering regional support in the South Kintyre area.**
- **Inspiralba is a member of the Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition.**



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