



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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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 November 2012 – 29th Feb 2012

At the December 2012 LEADER LAG (sixteenth round) a total of 16 projects were awarded funding totalling £586,784. A few examples to highlight are as follows:

- a) Argyll College –£104,370, for the development of an engineering training facility at Lochgilphead
- b) Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society (SAOS) were awarded £22,500 for an Argyll farm woodland collaboration project in Kintyre which will provide support to land managers and woodland workers to support active farm woodland management, encourage the control of invasive species, encourage the production of wood fuel and provide training opportunities.
- c) Argyll and Isles Tourism Ltd were awarded £54,500 to establish an Argyll and Isles corporate identity across the region by building a collective approach that all the sub regions buy into, raising awareness of Argyll and the Isles as a high quality destination to the Tourist consumer and increasing visitor numbers and visitor spend in Argyll and the Isles. This will be achieved by using a facilitator to hold a series of meetings and workshops throughout the area to demonstrate the benefit of a pan region approach and to receive feedback from groups, developing marketing materials for trade shows, attending trade shows, communication to the consumer through various forms of media to raise the profile of the region and developing a website

Full details all projects funded are available on our website

www.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk

THE NEXT FUNDING MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 15th of March 2012

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 was published at the end of August. A report highlighting the work of all 20 LEADER Local Action Groups in Scotland was also published at the end of August. Please contact the project coordinators if you would like a copy of either publication.

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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