

scottish community alliance

local people leading



Learning Exchange
2023



Community Learning Exchange

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Subsidiarity



Local by Default



Self-Determination



Equality and Fairness





The Maid of the Loch

SCA network member: Scottish Communities for Health and Wellbeing

Loch Lomond Steam Ship Company, better known as Paddle Steamer Maid of the Loch is a Scottish charity- run entirely by volunteers.

The Loch Lomond Steamship Company & Fairfield museum

Fairfield is a community museum dedicated to telling the story of Govan's role in world ship building.

The exchange supported volunteers to:

- share learning with Fairfield volunteers on how they operate their guided tours.
 - Explore topics featured at Fairfield to support Maid volunteers with co-curating maritime & industrial collections.
 - collaborate around outcomes for the health and wellbeing of volunteers.
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"Both community museums have a shared interest & history- the exchange was a great opportunity to share our history. I served as an apprentice here, and other volunteers had parents and grandparents who were employed in shipbuilding at Fairfield."



G3 Growers

SCA network member: Scottish Communities
Climate Action Network

G3 Growers mission is to cultivate a community of gardeners who come together to share and learn from each other.

G3 Growers and Glasgow Community Food Network

Glasgow Community Food Network brings together practitioners and organisations in the private, public and 3rd sectors to develop a flourishing food system in Glasgow.

The exchange supported:

- Sharing food growing techniques
- Gardening foundations targeted for new members around seasonality and soil.
- How to make the most of produce, fermentation, pickling and cooking with food waste.

" The exchange gave us a chance to learn about food growing techniques with local community gardens and an opportunity to learn from others & discover new methods of growing food. It was great to work together with people from the community and share ideas about how to grow and cook nutritious, healthy food."



Community Energy Scotland

SCA network member: Community Energy
Scotland (CES)

CES member learning visit to Orkney. Hosts- Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust, Eday Partnership, Shapinsay Development Trust, Stronsay Development Trust and the Island of Hoy Development Trust

The exchange supported:

- Learning between trusts who were on a similar stage to stage to the visiting organisations Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn, Point and Sandwick Development Trust and Barra and Watersay Community Ltd.
- connection with the Trusts, gain information on distributing income into the community
- learning about issues surrounding fund distribution
- meeting charity regulations and ensuring correct processes are in place
- exploring innovative options such as hydrogen and smart grids

“We couldn't praise this fund enough - it really does bring people together and help groups have the confidence to overcome whatever issues they may be facing.”