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## Smart Islands in Scotland and Ireland: Supporting Enterprises and Young People

Comhar na nOileán is promoting a LEADER project in conjunction with the Scottish Islands. It innovatively brings together island communities from Ireland and the Outer Hebrides to tackle common issues faced by remote islands.

It will engage young people across these widely dispersed territories, to spark new ideas and initiatives for island communities, and enable sharing across some of the most remote Atlantic territories of Europe

We are inviting Expressions of Interest from community individuals who wish to participate in this dynamic project. This phase of the project comprises of a week in the Scottish islands to share experiences and develop methodologies that can help make their islands smart, dynamic and sustainable. A particular focus of this project will be on the issue young people returning, settling or staying on their islands, and the contribution they can make to reviving or revitalising these remote communities.

For Irish island participants, one outcome of the project is to be trained as community coaches/mentors so as to support local individuals in developing independent enterprises, community projects, and social enterprises on their islands.

### Project focus areas:

- 1) to support young people in contributing to local development in their island communities through establishing new enterprises and community initiatives.
- 2) to share innovative knowledge and experience: to afford island communities the opportunity to learn from each other in relation to innovative and effective strategies for community development, not least around attracting and supporting young people, who may wish to participate in this dynamic project involving Community Coach Training.

Applications by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August to: [fios@oileain.ie](mailto:fios@oileain.ie) or by post to Comhar na nOileán

*Travel, accommodation and meal expenses will be covered up to a set subsistence rate.*

*For more information please contact the project officer in your area or Comhar na nOileán (099) 75096*



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