

Lairg Magazine

LAIRG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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As February draws to a close and the days are beginning to get longer, let's hope we have seen the last of the snow and ice.

The spring bulbs are starting to come through and the snowdrops have survived that cold spell. This month's issue is packed with articles and notices.

If you have a story or an article you would like to submit, please contact Zoe at the Learning Centre at zoe@lairglearningcentre.org.uk or 01549402050. It is lovely to have articles from the community.

From This
Derelict and Dangerous



To This



To Now This



The housing project is nearing its completion. The site offices have been taken down, the block paving is nearly finished, turf is being laid in the eight gardens and the fences are being erected.

To find out about allocation of the fit homes please ring Albyn Housing Association 0300 323 0990 and ask for the tenancy sustainment team.

For allocation of the social houses please ring the same number and ask for the social housing team.

QUIZ

1. What are the names for the Tuesday and Wednesday before Lent?
2. What is the minimum unit price for alcohol in Scotland at the moment?
3. Which country presented the Statue of Liberty to the USA?
4. What chocolate biscuit bar launched in 1970 has been axed by it's maker Nestle after a decline in sales?
5. Who marched his armies, elephants included, over the Alps in 218BC?
6. Which river flows into the Dead Sea?
7. Who was the first man to run a mile under 4 minutes?
8. What animal represents the 2024 Chinese year?
9. Who said "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time"?
10. Who will represent the UK in this years' Eurovision Song Contest?



WINTERFEST 2024
SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

On Friday 16th February, Lairg Primary School launched their Pupil Participation sessions at their assembly. These sessions are planned to be held monthly and link to them gaining their Bronze Right's Respecting Schools Award.

The 'Four Arenas of Participation' provides a framework to help us understand and develop when, where, and how learners can have a say in schools and ELC settings.

We are looking for opportunities for participation in all four arenas as mentioned below;

- ◇ Learning, Teaching, and Assessment
- ◇ Opportunities for Personal Achievement
 - ◇ Decision Making Groups
- ◇ Connection with the Wider Community

The children voted which group they wanted to be in and mixed groups of P1-7 were allocated a teacher to work with;

Right's Respecting Steer group, Eco School's Group, Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) and The Health and Wellbeing group (HWB).

Each group then selected a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. They completed some activities in their groups before setting an agenda for their next meetings.

Rights Respecting Schools

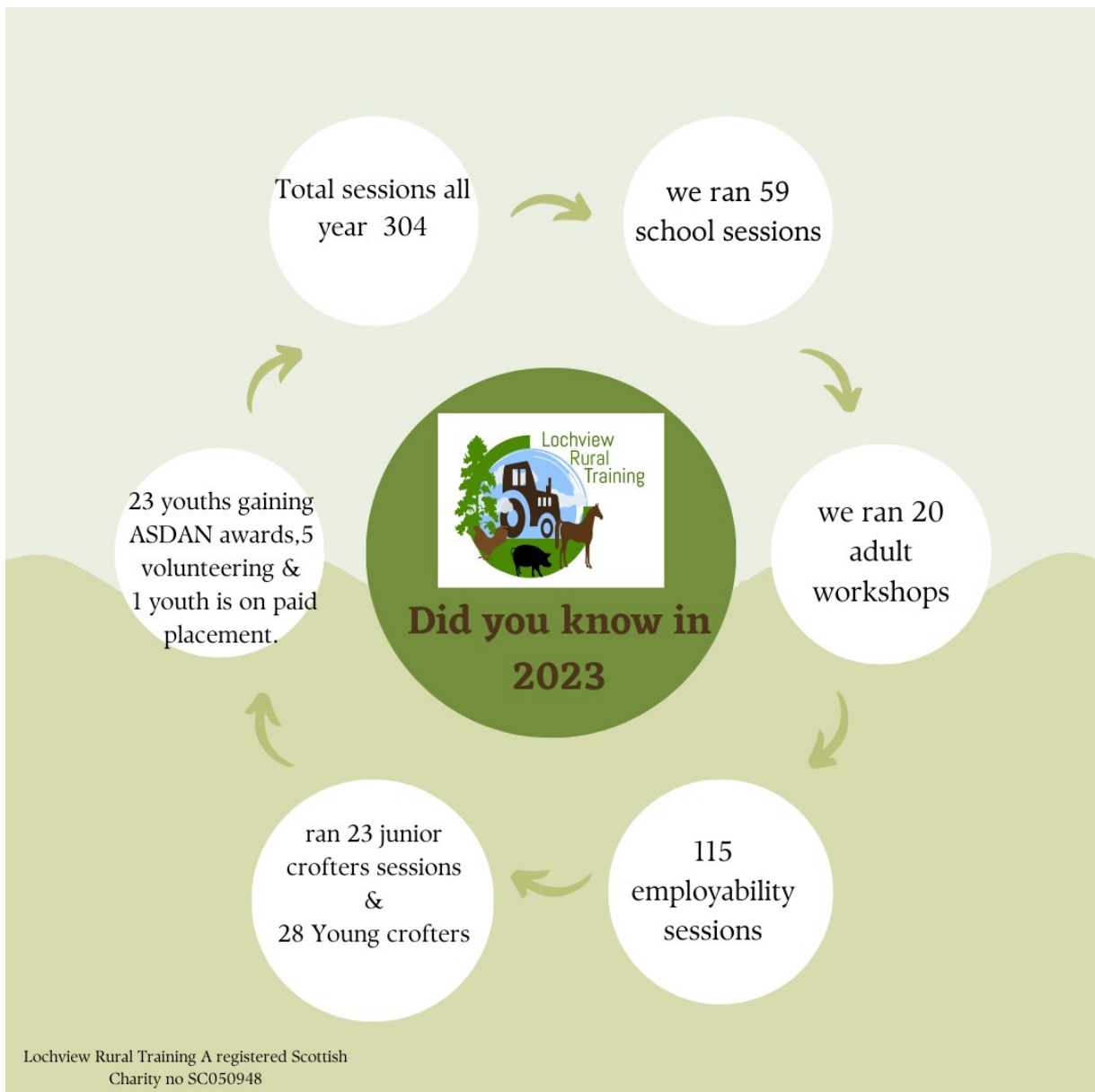


This group looked at what improvements they could make within the school linking to the UNCRC Article 12.

Article 12 says that every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This principle recognises children and young people as actors in their own lives and applies at all times throughout a child's life.



The HWB group voted both Cathal Poole (P7) and Lewis Morrison (P7) as captains. The group then had a meeting to make an action plan. The plan included making a storage area for sport's equipment with new boxes for storage. The group are going to work with their Badminton Volunteer at lunchtime activities to have a in-school badminton competition.



February

Adults arm knitting.
Young crofters & junior crofters.

March

Lambing course, Intro to sheep, drystone walling and fencing. Dates to be confirmed.

April

Easter meet the animals

May

New workshops for summer -including Intro to wool workshop & Outdoor wellbeing sessions



New for March 2024
Introduction to sheep
Saturday 23rd March
12-4pm

Are you new to sheep, trying to decide which breeds may suit you, looking to understand more around the paperwork.

This workshop tries to assist with these questions.

To book use our Eventbrite link
Any questions please just email
lochviewruraltraining@gmail.com

Lochview Rural Training, Achfrish, Lairg IV27 4DN

To keep updated of our workshops please follow our Eventbrite page



LDCI Quiz Answers

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| 1. Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday | 4. Breakaway | 8. Dragon |
| 2. 50p | 5. Hannibal | 9. Abraham Lincoln |
| 3. France | 6. Jordan | 10. Olly Alexander |
| | 7. Roger Bannister | |

We are an independent learning centre base in Lairg, Sutherland. Our mission is to make community learning available and accessible to our communities through delivering fun, affordable classes, workshops and learning opportunities both physically and digitally to people in Sutherland and across the world.

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Thurs 22 Feb	Manx Quilting Workshop	10am - 1pm	LDLC
Sat 24 Feb	Gaelic Song Workshop	11am - 1pm	LDLC
Sat 2 Mar	Get Growing Ready + Seed Swap	10am - 2pm	Knockdhu Plants
	First Aid for Mental Health Awareness	Postponed to a later date	LCC, Kinvonvie Suite
Sat 23 Mar	Composting + Garden Planning	10am - 2pm	Knockdhu Plants
Wed 17 Apr	Coding for Kids	3pm - 4pm	LDLC
Thurs 18 Apr	Coding for Kids	3pm - 4pm	LDLC



MAKER SPACE
AT LDLC

MAKER SPACE
A SOCIAL SPACE
TO UNLEASH YOUR
CREATIVITY!

DROP IN
TUESDAYS

MORNING SESSION 11.30AM - 1.30PM
EVENING SESSION 6PM - 8PM

A time for crafty folks to come together to work on whatever project they have on the go (knitting, crochet, sewing, paint, etc).

Use any of our machines and we are here to help with questions you might have.

£10/month £5 drop in

For more information on our classes scan the QR Code



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COMMUNITY FUND

If you'd like to find out more contact
jo@lairglearningcentre.org.uk or call

01549 402050

Our programme of classes is updated on a regular basis via Eventbrite which you can find by searching **Lairg & District Learning Centre** or contact us on 01549 402050

or admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk.

Lairg & District Learning Centre WE'RE RECRUITING!



MANAGER

- Based at Lairg & District Learning Centre
- 30 hours per week
- Pro rata salary of £32,323.20 – £35,380.80 per annum (based on a 35 hour work week)
- Plus pension contribution and generous holiday allowance



Are you a dynamic person with a passion for community learning and development?

You will be responsible for managing the independent and charitable LDLC, ensuring the smooth day-to-day running of the organisation and centre, strategic planning, managing the business plan, complex report writing and sourcing new business partners.

Priorities include delivering education & learning for local communities, building on our digital learning opportunities, securing funds and diversifying income sources, line-managing staff, overseeing the delivery of projects and making sure the charitable aims and statutory requirements are fulfilled.



To request a recruitment pack or if you have any questions please email Aileen Ogilvie at manager@lairglearningcentre.org.uk

**Closing Date:
Friday 8th March
at 5pm**

This position is funded by the Achany Community Investment Fund, the RWE Rosehall Wind Farm Community Fund and the Robertson Trust.



Armed Forces day Saturday 29th June 2024

This year's Sutherland ceremony will take place at the Ferrycroft Centre, Lairg.

June 29th 2024 at 10.45am .

Until now the ceremony has taken place in Golspie, and the move to Lairg is designed to help veterans on the west and north coasts with large distances to travel. The ceremony will include the flag-raising ceremony, presentations of awards to both veterans and others from across Sutherland, and a buffet lunch at the Lairg Community Centre. Veterans and all members of the public are welcome to attend the ceremony.

A Pipe Band is expected to play at the event.

In other news:-

Creich Kincardine Rogart and Lairg RBLs branch held a very successful Whist in Lairg recently. Nearly £100 was raised for branch funds. Thanks to Lairg Whist Club for enabling a 'night' be allocated. Also huge thanks to all those who attended and helped to make it such a success.

Lairg Community Centre

Spring is on the way and we are making plans for the start of the 2024 Community Markets. Lairg Community Market is held on the third Monday of the month from March through to November. We have an abundance of talented local people selling their unique, sometimes quirky, handcrafted wares. You won't find items like this on the high street. From Goats cheese to Charcuterie to woodturners we have it all. We even have Highland Patisserie booked for this month. We've been told that our market has a vibe like no other. I'm hoping that's a good thing! You'd need to come along and decide for yourself. I won't lie, it is hard work getting the markets organised but they are so worth it! As always, we are looking for volunteers to keep the centre thriving as a hub for community activity. The AGM is due to be held on 12-03-24 and we would welcome you to attend, we value your input and as always, we are looking for board members. The centre needs you, your experience and your life skills to move forward into 2024 and make this the best year ever.

Best War Memorial Competition

Lairg's War memorial has been entered into this years Best War Memorial Competition.



Could you spare a couple of hours to help us clean and tidy up the War memorial, along with helping make the flowers bed zing and stand out. If you can, please contact Kaye at the LDCI either by emailing chair@lairginitiative.co.uk or phone 07500453301 pop a note into the Learning Centre for Kaye's. It is a great way to honour those who have fallen for us.

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AGM

**WITH AN UPDATE ON THE LAIRG
HOUSING PROJECT**

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

7.00PM

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LAIRG COMMUNITY HALL

ALL WELCOME

SCHOOL HOUSE, MAIN STREET, LAIRG, IV274DD

CHARITY NUMBER SCO033349

COMPANY NUMBER SC230980

Thank you for reading issue 66 of the Lairg Magazine! If you would like to submit something to the magazine, please send it to: zoe@lairglearningcentre.org.uk

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