

Stories, Stones and Bones: Cleas celebrates £4,920 Heritage Lottery Fund grant as part of the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017

Cleas is pleased to have received a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Stories, Stones and Bones grant. This exciting project, will run in Portree, Staffin and Kilmuir Primary Schools, led by Cleas in collaboration with Cànan Graphics Studio, has been given £4,920 to engage local children and historians from north east Skye with specialists, writers, artists and poets to reinvigorate our culture and heritage along with the world class archaeology of the area. This project is part of Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Cleas is a charity that engages in cultural, arts and history projects with a specific interest in the Isle of Skye. The aims are to develop and promote projects, usually in partnership, that engage the wider community in education, cultural activities, performing and visual arts, Gaelic language and skills development. For this project Cleas will be working in collaboration with Cànan Graphics Studio who offer a range of graphic design services, as well as running MG ALBA's Gaelic Short Film Competition, FilmG.

Commenting on the award, Donald MacDonald said "it's great that we have been awarded this grant. We love where we live and know there's so much more to discover about our past. We are all really excited about telling other people about our findings and sharing our heritage and history with them."

Commenting, Lucy Casot, Head of HLF in Scotland, said:

"The Heritage Lottery Fund is a key partner in the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and it's our ambition that people of all ages will have the chance to discover something new about the heritage they care about. We're delighted that, thanks to funding from the National Lottery, Cleas will be opening the door to fun, learning and everlasting memories for many people as we celebrate this special year."

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Notes to editors

Stories, Stones and Bones

Stories, Stones and Bones is for any not-for-profit group wanting to engage more people with the heritage and take part in the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology. Stories, Stones and Bones grants between £3,000 and £10,000 are available to groups who want to discover their local heritage. Projects can cover a wide spectrum of subject matter from exploring local archaeology and a community's cultures and traditions to identifying and recording local wildlife and protecting the surrounding environment to managing and training volunteers, and holding festivals and events to commemorate the past.

Heritage Lottery Fund

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) aims to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities across the UK and help build a resilient heritage economy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. www.hlf.org.uk Follow us on facebook [Heritage Lottery Fund Scotland](https://www.facebook.com/HeritageLotteryFundScotland) and twitter [@HLFScotland](https://twitter.com/HLFScotland).

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Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology

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