



Skye Climate Action
CLIMATE FÈIS NEWSLETTER
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Latha math! Good day!

What a long, dark winter we've had. But, despite the occasional wild weather, there are so many signs of Spring - golden daffodils heralded by drifts of snowdrops, fattening buds on bare branches, growing birdsong, pairing birds, longer hours of daylight - we could continue to wax lyrical!

We are now well on our way to August. A month we envisage/dream will be buzzing with celebration in Skye, Raasay and Lochalsh and maybe further afield. This newsletter is going out to a growing number of people who have expressed interest in the idea of the climate festival, CLIMATE FÈIS : SKYE, RAASAY AND LOCHALSH. Between us, at present, we represent arts, construction, crafts, creative writing, film, music, photography, poetry, story-telling and traditional culture. There are people who can put on exhibitions, give talks, lead workshops, help with administration, organisation, publicity, technical advice and the website. All of us have something positive to say or do about living with climate change in this area. All of us want to ensure that the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP26) will be the catalyst for saving the planet.

Since our last newsletter we have contacted local community councils and trusts through Willie MacKinnon (Skye Ward Clerk) and sent out initial invitations to schools to take part in an artwork competition (based on the UN Sustainability Goals), the results of which we plan to use to

further the Fèis. We are developing the website www.climatefeis.org to receive information about your contributions and eventually to build up the Climate Fèis programme. We are also working on the possible ideas of a Food Festival, Highland-wide online (zoom?) films and talks/provocations and workshops on Climate champions training. To date, people have signed up to organise a scything event, a church partnership, studio space and put on theatre workshops. Already a few villages are having a makeover - all part of the preparations.

Now we need to firm up ideas into action/ activities/ events/ exhibitions/ displays - the PROGRAMME FOR THE CLIMATE FÈIS, OUR COP26 FRINGE EVENT. We will have to be aware of the implications of Covid and be flexible in complying with any regulations, but that should not be a problem.

NEXT STEP

START SIGNING UP TO THE CLIMATE FÈIS

- 1) Either go to the website: www.climatefeis.org and fill in the form
- 2) Or contact us via email: info@climatefeis.org

We need to have draft information on the type of activity, details of the person to contact, location, and permission (to fulfil data protection regulations).

Information given can be amended until the end of May when the programme will start to be built up on the website.

We are moving into the next phase of making the CLIMATE FÈIS: SKYE, RAASAY AND LOCHALSH a reality. We look forward to hearing from you. Also feel free to contact us with any ideas and queries.

Yours excitedly,

Trish & Sara

(Co-convenors of the Skye Climate Action Climate Fèis)

