



# VISIONING RURAL COMMUNITIES

DREAM TO CHANGE THE FUTURE

ONLINE FROM OCTOBER 2020

- Dare to dream of change and create a renewed society
- Help shape your community to become the place you want it to be
- Identify what we already have; our strengths, assets, values
- Work with others to bring your vision of the future into life

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**We are striving to live in a democracy. A democracy is a politics that gives us the freedom to create our vision and the power to make that vision come true. We strive to be citizens -- people with the vision and the power to create our own way, a culture of community capacity, connection and care.** John McKnight

**Visioning Rural Communities** invites people from distinct Highland and Island communities to dream of alternative ways of organising society, community, culture and economy. Telling the story of a vision can be a powerful means of communicating change. With skilled facilitators, inspirational speakers and collaborative thinking, participants of this innovative and thoughtful online programme will be guided to stand as their future selves, create and tell the story of their unique vision and then work with others to plan for its realisation.

The events of the last six months are not something any of us would have wished, but they have presented society with a unique opportunity for change. During the Second World War, a new post-war Britain was designed. Things like the NHS, national parks, the planning system and agriculture that could feed everyone were envisioned at the height of the conflict.

## **Are you ready to create your own vision for the future?**

This innovative programme invites you to dream dreams about how you want society to be, develop creative ways of sharing that vision and explore making meaningful change in your community and Scottish rural life.

## PROGRAMME DETAILS

**Date: Begins October 2020**

Format: 10 professionally facilitated online sessions

**Cost: Fully funded**

This project is for people within the communities of Moray, Banff and Macduff, Uist and Barra, Peterhead, Argyll and the Gaelic speaking community. You must belong to one of the communities listed below to participate.

## PROGRAMME

**Phase 1:**  
6 online sessions  
Oct - Dec

### **Developing a vision**

- Identify your community's valuable assets
- explore your own values, strengths and goals
- develop a vision for change
- Create a strong method for sharing that vision

**phase 2:**  
4 online sessions  
Jan -March  
2021

### **Sharing the vision and making a plan**

- See where your vision connects with others'
- Explore how to make these connections bring about change
- Action planning

## MORE INFORMATION

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