



The Coigach and Assynt Heritage Signage Project

Project Researcher

Background

The Coigach and Assynt Heritage Signage Project is one of the projects of the Coigach & Assynt Living Landscape Partnership (CALLP) Scheme, which comprises 14 organisations working together to deliver 32 projects over a 5 year period, with funding secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and Scottish Wildlife Trust.

The aims of the Heritage Signage project are to establish a Heritage Trail through Coigach and Assynt, to produce a leaflet which illustrates this, along with interpretation panels, fingerpost signage, as well as links to further information online. The project will benefit local residents and visitors, encouraging people to explore the landscape and to learn about its past.

Coigach Community Development Company (CCDC) and Historic Assynt, both partners in the CALLP Scheme, are leading this project, and the Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) is the financial lead.

Scope of Work

We are looking for a researcher to:

- Investigate and agree with the project coordinators potential sites for signposts, interpretation panels and plinths on a new Heritage Trail route through Coigach and Assynt. This will involve consultation with the Community Councils of Coigach and Assynt, other community groups and with the wider communities. Some work has already been started on this so the researcher will be given access to this information, along with access to the extensive Coigach and Assynt archives.



- Identify land ownership and agree with the project coordinators appropriate locations for potential placement of signage for approval by landowners, including seeking planning permission where necessary
- Work with project coordinators to collate information about each agreed site for inclusion on the leaflet and website pages, writing copy and providing site photographs where necessary
- Collaborate with project coordinators on working up a detailed brief for a graphic designer/artist for the Heritage Trail leaflet, the interpretation panels and the signposting.

You will...

- Have proven experience of working on similar projects
- Be a confident communicator, with the ability to listen and work with others
- Have an extensive knowledge and understanding of Coigach and Assynt
- Have an interest in the histories of people and landscapes
- Be diligent and meticulous
- Have the ability to work on your own initiative and to work to deadlines
- Have an understanding of the wider CALLP project and of its vision
- Have access to your own transport
- Be confident using video-conferencing applications
- Enjoy the great outdoors and photography.

Budget and Timescales

A budget of £3000 (150 hours @ £20 per hour), inclusive of VAT if applicable, has been allocated for this contract, to include travel and other costs.

We would like the researcher to begin work as soon as possible and expect the work to be completed by the end of March 2021.

Commission Management

The commission will be governed by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the day to day management of the commission will be by the Local Development Officer designated by CCDC and by the representative of Historic Assynt. A payment schedule based on agreed outputs will be incorporated into the MOA and all payments will be dependent on the confirmation of submission of agreed outputs by CCDC and Historic Assynt.

To apply

Interested? Please send a one page description of your ideas for this project and how you would tackle it, and your CV of relevant experience and any links to work online to Ann Marie Firth-Bernard: info@coigachcommunity.org.uk

The closing date for applications is midnight on Sunday 22nd November 2020

Criteria for selection will be as follows:

Attribute	Weighting
Interest in local communities, history and the landscape	20%
Communication skills (interpersonal, IT, written)	30%
Ability to work to work to deadlines	20%
Ability to work on own initiative and within a team	20%
Creativity	10%