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“Scotland’s Most Improved Place”

Who is Westray Development Trust?

- We're 20 this year!
- Volunteer Board comprised of community members.
- 1-2 ft staff and 10 pt staff (majority project staff).
- Supporting an island population of 600.

With a mission to;

“To develop the economic, social and cultural sustainability of our community by harnessing the quality of our resources, people and island environment”





Westray Renewable Energy Ltd.



Scottish Land Fund

Ionmhas Fearainn Na H-Alba



**The Scottish
Government**
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

What do we do?

- To provide in the interests of **social welfare**, facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation available to the public at large in Westray with a view to improving their conditions of life.
- To **advance education** and in particular to promote opportunities for learning for the benefit of the general public.
- To **protect and/or preserve the environment** for the benefit of the general public.
- To provide or assist in the **provision of housing** for people in necessitous circumstances within Westray.
- To **relieve poverty** particularly among the residents of the island of Westray.
- To **advance the arts, heritage, culture and science**.
- To **relieve those in need** by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage (includes relief given by the provision of accommodation and care).
- To regenerate the community of Westray by the maintenance or improvement of the **physical, social and economic infrastructure**.
- To promote, establish, operate and/or **support other schemes and projects** of a charitable nature for the benefit of the community of Westray.



What do we do?



Community Grants

- Up to 80% funding for projects of community benefit.
- On average applications are for under £2,000 but we will consider up to £50,000.



Education Grants

- 50% of course fees up to a maximum of £500 per person per year.
- Up to 10 hours of driving lessons.
- Most popular grant scheme.



Entertainment Grants

- Up to £500 per event for entertainment expenses. E.g. band travel & accommodation costs.

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Community Business Loan Scheme



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Trust Projects



Your Island Your Choice



Strengths

A community knows its own needs best

- Development for the community, by the community.
- Flexibility.
- Collaboration.
- Community spirit.
- Participation.
- Welcome change.
- Community wide-benefit.
- Don't dismiss the small things.



Greatest Achievements



Greatest Challenges

- Geography
- Volunteer recruitment
- Sustaining momentum
- Managing expectations
- Future proofing

