

Local Origins Rural Network

Creating a sustainable community in North Argyll

Info for LORN Affiliate Members 2015

Welcome to Local Origins Rural Network Affiliate Membership

LORN is run entirely by volunteers, who are working hard to make small changes in our community to give us a long term resilience. We look forward to your contribution to this aim. Over the past 7 years LORN membership has made differences to many people's lives, not just financially, but personally too. People have met and made lasting friendships; have become more aware and critical of what they eat, how they shop; creative collaboration has blossomed in the most unlikely partnerships; and there has been a great deal of fun along the way. Many business activities have been nurtured, supported, working liaisons developed, that have all helped new and existing businesses to grow and thrive. Likewise partnerships with local community organisations have thrived for mutual benefit. Together we can work better, and these connections will help to build our resilience in both our personal and business communities.

the LORN objectives are to :-

- ✓ Promote sustainability to our local population in a way that provides bitesize, achievable, accessible actions for each of us to undertake.
- ✓ Improve access to workshops and courses in skills and training to improve our social, environmental and economic sustainability.
- ✓ Develop active networks within our community and between LORN and related organisations.
- ✓ Promote local food and creativity to the local population
- ✓ Plan and deliver a range of educational activities to encourage responsible and sustainable uses of our local resources
- ✓ Improve the local primary skills and producer businesses with business development support.
- ✓ Promote greater awareness of our local environment and heritage.
- ✓ Actively work with and support local, regional and national organisations who share our aims, by facilitating, promoting and engaging in activities and projects to further these aims.

The areas of interest that the LORN Network covers includes the social, economic and environmental aspects of our community : energy, recycling, heritage, environment, transport, education, economy, culture, health and well-being, growing our own and learning new skills.

Lorn.org.uk website

www.lorn.org.uk

The Lorn.org.uk website is our window to the world and the place where we are developing our growing skills and produce directory as well as sharing our ideas and aims.

We are planning a page to welcome and to promote each affiliated group and organization to thank you for your support.

LORNcommunity.ning.com

This is a growing online community, available free to all our community : there is a simple secure registration and login.

Only LORN Enterprise members can advertise their products and services there.

Our Affiliated community groups are welcome to promote their events and have their own groups for members use.

Everyone on the LORN community gets their own page, so you can contact the producers directly to find out what they have, and how to buy their produce.

There is also a growing range of interest groups on here, covering all sorts of topics from growing your own, local heritage, recycling, energy, learning new skills, and much more..

Please join in, you can even start your own group up if there is a sustainability subject that you are interested in or you are an affiliated group.

Ask questions, help others, encourage people to join in, you can welcome new people.

Like every community, you get as much or as little as you put in.

LORN has created an Enterprise membership to bring together primary skills and producer businesses to promote and sell their products and services. The more we each take advantage of these, the better it is for our local sustainability, economy, carbon footprint and future.

We urge our LORN Community and Affiliated members to support our Enterprise members; buy from them, promote them; lets keep the money you earn in this local area. In turn it will help provide employment, support our environment, heritage, energy, culture and education.

LORN is creating lots of places to learn about and buy local food, creativity and skills

LORN images

www.flickr.com/photos/lorncommunity/

We are developing online albums of all our activities, markets, members and events. Enjoy and share.

Affiliated members will get active social networking support through our busy feeds.

Facebook

facebook.com/lornargyll

Come and join us on facebook where we keep you informed of LORN activities, events, related news and ideas.

We have over 1700 friends there and an active following.

Twitter

twitter.com/lorntweets

An increasingly important resource for many, follow us and support our network.

LORN is working hard to create connections throughout our community, so the considerable efforts of each related group and organization can be supported and appreciated to the best for benefit of us all.

We have been very successful with the activities we have created so far, we have lots of other ideas, but we need more volunteers from the membership to make them happen.

Help LORN (remember you are helping yourself and your local community)

Offer to do something to support our activities and aims, whatever your skills are they will be put to good use.

Support each other, directly and on all the social networking media

Get involved in all the activities.

The development of LORN is limited only by the effort and contribution of each member; the more each of us does the greater the change we can make and the more resilient our future becomes.

We also have a Community Membership open to people in the community who share our aims and support our objectives.

The LORN Enterprise Membership is open to primary skills and produce businesses from the Lorn area : Loch Craignish to Loch Leven.

The LORN Affiliate Membership is open to any group or organisation whose aims, objectives and activities are not in conflict with those of LORN and which help in someway to support a sustainable community in our area.

For more information and to volunteer to help please check out our website www.lorn.org.uk or email admin@lorn.org.uk

Learn More ~ Produce More ~ Waste Less ~ Earn More ~ Save More

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