

Local Origins Rural Network

Creating a sustainable community in North Argyll

Benefits of LORN Community Membership 2015

Welcome to Local Origins Rural Network Community Membership

LORN is a community network aiming to create a sustainable future in North Argyll.

We create and take opportunities that arise to achieve this by breaking down the social, environmental and economic issues into achievable activities. We want to make local sustainability and greater local resilience more accessible to each of us.

The initial plans are :-

- ✓ 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.

LORN is made up entirely of 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.

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.

A priority for LORN has always been education : whether full courses or learning new skills from each other. 2015 is a year we will be concentrating more on this aspect of our activities - and have started on a high note with a highly successful permaculture course that has triggered lots of future interest and ideas. Online we have created **LORN Permaculture** group on Facebook for participants to maintain contact and support. The **Woolfeis** is now a well established annual events that encourages us all to make more of the fleeces produced in our local flocks. Learning the traditional skills in a modern context, as well as introducing new people to the fibre world is a fundamental part of this event. (join the Woolfeis group on facebook for regular fibre updates through the year.)

Also New for 2015 is **LORN Wild Food** which aims to raise our awareness of the food potential that grows around us, as well as the health benefits from what we normally disregard as weeds. In October we will be hosting a Wild Food event, and will be encouraging everyone to learn a lot about their local environment all year.

LORN Courses in 2015 will have a preferential rate for members.

With **LORN Larder** we are taking advantage of the Facebook popularity to share the local producers news with the community. This is a great way to get fresh local meat, fish, fruit and vegetables from people who really care about what the produce, and you make a difference to our local economy.

Every day we are supporting related organisations on behalf of our community, and joining LORN helps you support them too. Together we are stronger, we learn more, we build our local resilience.

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 products and services there.

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

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. 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 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.org.uk Enterprise Directory

www.lorn.org.uk/directory

The Lorn.org.uk website is our window to the world and the place where we are developing our growing skills and produce directory. Check it out, and if you would like to help us make this a more useful online local sustainability resource, please volunteer.

LORN images

www.flickr.com/photos/lorncommunity/

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

Facebook

facebook.com/lornargyll

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

Twitter

twitter.com/lorntweets

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

Linked In

www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3441179

Local Origins Rural Network has its own group, join in and share the ideas to promote our aims and our businesses.

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 Community 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. Learn more. Buy Local.

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 need volunteers from our community to help do more.

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

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

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