



"As Patron of the Iona Abbey Capital Appeal I am delighted by the Iona Community's campaign to renovate the monastic buildings at the Abbey because I recognise the unique nature of this heritage site which offers hospitality as was originally intended. The distinctive pattern of community life at Iona Abbey is fundamental to the spiritual and economic well-being of the island and the impact reaches far beyond Iona. This initiative will enable the Iona Community to extend an inclusive welcome to people from all walks of life and to build on its commitment to issues of poverty, peace and social justice. It deserves all our support."

HRH The Princess Royal, Patron of the Iona Abbey Capital Appeal

CAN YOU HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN?

There are many ways to help us by making a donation:

By credit or debit card at: iona.org.uk

By cheque, made out to 'The Iona Community', with 'Abbey Capital Appeal' written on the back and a note highlighting the gift is for the appeal. Post to the address below.

Make a Pledge over one or more years: pledge forms available from website or office.

Give a one-off gift at Iona Community Shop opposite Iona Abbey.

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CROSS THE LINE

IONA ABBEY CAPITAL APPEAL

The incredible generosity of the Iona Community's members, associates and friends means we are scheduled to complete the Abbey accommodation a year early.

We only require a final £500k in order to re-open in 2020. Please give whatever you can, your contribution will make a real difference. You will be part of an appeal that transforms our place and purpose, on Iona and beyond.

CROSS THE LINE

Crossing the line will ensure that Phase 2 of the newly refurbished Abbey accommodation is completed and ready to reopen in 2020. Life at Iona Abbey will become more accessible, more environmentally sustainable and the extended season will benefit the whole island economy. The success of this project will also enable the Iona Community to engage with social justice and peace initiatives around the world.

WHY IS IONA ABBEY SO IMPORTANT?

For almost 1,500 years since St. Columba established this Christian outpost, pilgrims, kings and commoners have come seeking sanctuary, respite and illumination on Iona. Since 1938, the Iona Community has taken up the mantle of St. Columba to offer a place of worship, inspiration and learning in the rebuilt Abbey living spaces.

Each week, community emerges as guests, staff and volunteers share tasks, worship, conversation and meals. Over the course of each season some 3,000 people from around the world, of all faiths and none, come to participate in that community experience. Many of the annual 110,000 day-visitors to the island are also welcomed to worship at the Abbey Church.

WHY IS THE PROJECT SO IMPORTANT?

This project is complex and exciting; one which involves buildings but is ultimately about people. We will reach more people both on Iona and around the world. We will create sustainable and flexible spaces more suited to our programmes and vision and will provide hospitality and inspiration for many generations to come.

It is the combination of the history of Iona, the setting of the Abbey and the reputation and work of the Iona Community that motivates people of all walks of life to engage with the Community on Iona. The Abbey accommodation is the vehicle that both challenges and inspires thousands of people each year into becoming change makers within their own communities.

WHAT WILL THE PROJECT ACHIEVE?

- DEVELOP HOSPITALITY AREAS THAT ARE FULLY ACCESSIBLE AND WELCOMING
- INSTALL ECO-INSULATION AND SUSTAINABLE HEATING
- RECONFIGURE ACCOMMODATION FOR COMFORT AND BETTER USE
- UPGRADE FACILITIES TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT SAFETY STANDARDS
- INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN ABBEY LIFE FROM MARGINALISED GROUPS
- EXTEND EDUCATION, TRAINING AND ACCREDITED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
- STRENGTHEN PEACE AND JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT AND NETWORKING



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