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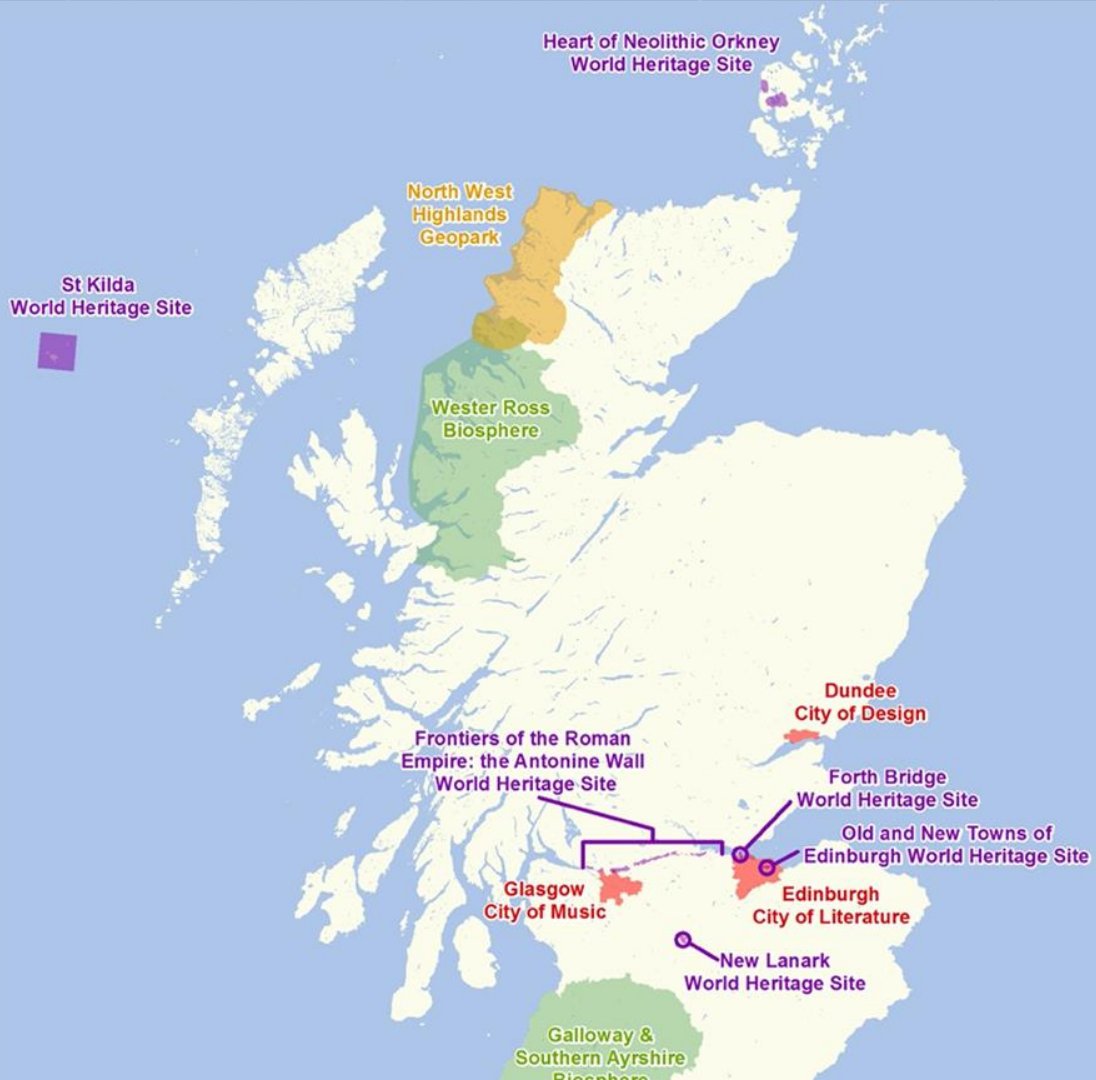


Significance of Tourism Networking &
Collaboration in Regions

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UNESCO Sites in Scotland





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Bringing people & nature
together to create a positive,
sustainable future



Wester Ross
Biosphere Reserve
since 2016
Mar and the Biosphere
Programme

Our principles



Benefiting people and nature to build thriving societies in harmony with the landscape



International recognition as a member of UNESCO's global network



Community led by people who live and work in the Biosphere



Problem solving to promote sustainable economic, social and environmental practices



Landscape-scale approach to find the balance between conservation and development

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Dark Sky Tourism



Looking Up, Looking Forward Dark Sky Tourism

Webinar: 1 March 2022, 7pm - 8pm



Join us in this interactive webinar to learn from experts and practitioners about the opportunities our dark skies can offer to our communities and businesses.

See full details and book your place on Eventbrite

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From idea to conception

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NOVEMBER 2023

Wilderness Fit & Yoga Jen

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
11AM-2-30PM

MEET AT ULLAPOOL
VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS: £45 PP

JOIN YAZ FOR A FUN & CREATIVE
OUTDOOR FOREST FITNESS SESSION.
ALL FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME!

MOTIVATION TO KEEP MOVING IN
THE DARKER MONTHS AND GET SOME
NEWS IDEAS FOR FUN OUTDOOR
WORKOUTS.

FINISH THE SESSION WITH AN
OPTIONAL SEA DOCK & ENJOY A FIRE
PIT & WARMING WINTER SOUP &
SWEET TREAT, FOLLOWED BY A
VINYASA YOGA SESSION WITH JEN IN
ULLAPOOL VILLAGE HALL



Why?

Health: Physical and mental health opportunities - eg. yoga and mindfulness sessions, guided walks

Social: Bringing people together - eg. storytelling, film nights, meals

Environment: Educational events about dark sky benefits for our landscape and wildlife - eg talks and stargazing evenings

Economy: Income generation potential - eg. encouraging visitors to come in the off season, additional income for businesses and individuals

How?

Defining our Role as WRB - PR

Free training - how to incorporate stargazing into your business or event

Fringe events - inviting local businesses to participate

Funding

Sponsorship / In-kind support

Donations

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NOVEMBER 2023

Dark & Quiet Skies
International Responses to a Global Challenge

TUES 14TH NOV, 7PM

TALK BY
DR EMMA FELBER
UK SPACE AGENCY

AT THE OLD
SCHOOLHOUSE
INVERASDALE

BOOK VIA EVENTBRITE



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Learn more about the Dark Skies Festival : www.wrb.scot

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FRIDAY 8TH
COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL

SATURDAY 9TH
APPLECROSS COMMUNITY HALL

SUNDAY 10TH
KINLOCHEWE VILLAGE HALL

WESTER ROSS BIOSPHERE & COSMOS
PLANETARIUM PRESENTS

PLANETARIUM SHOWS
DECEMBER 2023

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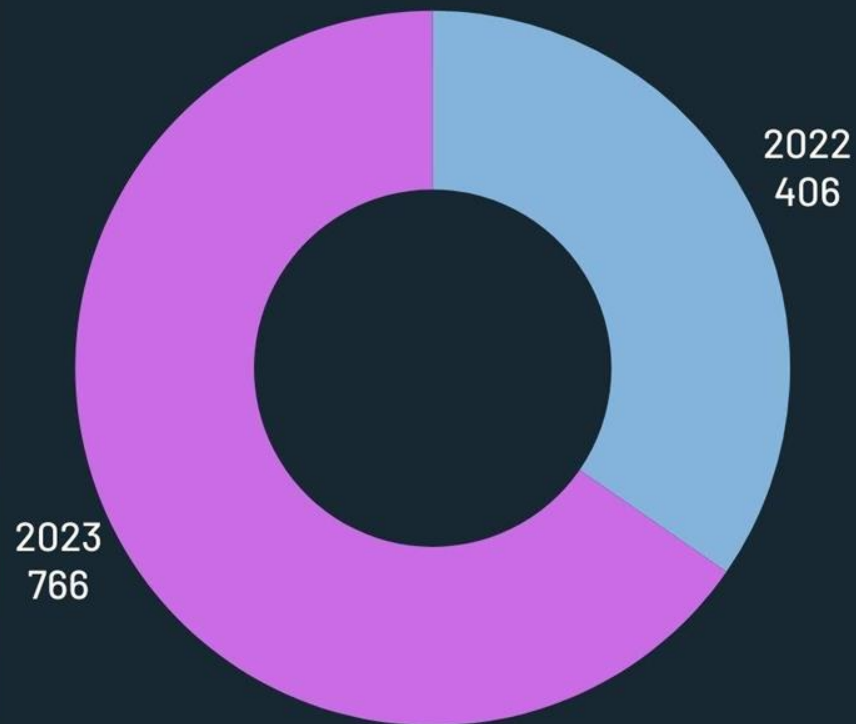
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Wester Ross Dark Skies Festival
Outcomes

No. of people who participated



No. of fringe events





Astronomical art workshop



Guided Walk with a Highlife Highland Countryside Ranger to learn about nocturnal animals



A talk by Cosmos Planetarium about
Black Holes



Stargazing evening and talk with
Honorary Research Fellow, Dr Alec
Mackinnon from Glasgow University



Left - handmade signage to promote dark skies related books and gifts at a community shop!

Right - series of events held in a village hall in the south of the Biosphere

WESTER ROSS BIOSPHERE 2023

DARK SKIES

FESTIVAL IN KIRKTON HALL

A CELEBRATION OF OUR BEAUTIFUL NIGHT SKIES

★ SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER ★

11:30am - 1pm ASTRONOMICAL ART • WITH PROTECTIONS FROM THE JAMES WEBB TELESCOPE • DRAWING, PAINTING, PRINTING

2pm - 4pm CREATIVE CONSTELLATIONS • LEARN ABOUT CONSTELLATIONS & INVENT YOUR OWN!

7pm - 10pm **COSMIC CEILIDH** • DELICIOUS FOOD • MUSIC • SCIENCE • POEMS • ART

★ SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER ★

7pm - STARGAZING WITH ASTROPHYSICISTS FROM THE COSMOS PLANETARIUM

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE PLEASE BOOK A PLACE FOR THE STARGAZING AT EVENTBRIGHT WESTER ROSS DARK SKIES FESTIVAL 2023 • NO NEED TO BOOK CEILIDH OR ART.



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Lights off Stars ON!

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