Cèilidh air Chuairt Fèis Chataibh
Duilleag Fiosrachaidh do Chompàirtichean

Fèis Chataibh Ceilidh Trail 2016
Participants' Information Sheet

Bun-fhiosrachadh | Background Information

Fèis Chataibh are again running a Cèilidh Trail in 2016, with grant support from a number of agencies including Fèisean nan Gàidheal.

Last years' programme received great reviews from all venues, audiences and participants and we are now seeking a new band to tour Sutherland and Caithness in July and August 2016.

The Cèilidh Trail allows young people the opportunity to perform in public, enhancing their performance skills through a sustained period where they are treated as professional musicians. Local communities, businesses and visitors also benefit from additional opportunities to experience and enjoy a live showcase of local traditional music and Gaelic song.

There are up to eight places available for performers who will be paid at the rate of £180 per week, for the equivalent of four weeks. Fèis Chataibh will pay a contribution towards reasonable travel costs and cover accommodation and meals as appropriate during the tour.

Iarrtasan is agallamhan | Applications and auditions

Experienced instrumentalists and singers aged 16 (by 30th June 2016) to 22 are invited to apply online by Friday 8th April 2016. Participants will be required to attend an audition on Saturday 16th April in Golspie and, if selected, will receive a contract setting out the basis of their employment.

Unless under exceptional circumstances, we expect successful applicants to attend all of the training and performances. Any dates which cause a difficulty should be noted on the application form.

Cinn-latha cudromach | **Core dates**

- **End of May/Beginning of June (dates to be agreed with successful applicants):** Initial training days to start work on performance material for the tour. Each Cèilidh Trail, including Fèis Chataibh, will be required to develop their knowledge and understanding of the traditional music and Gaelic song of their local area for inclusion in their performances. By doing so, participants will develop a more in-depth knowledge of local material and enhance their performances, allowing audiences to gain a unique experience of the local culture of the area in which the Cèilidh Trail takes place

- **11-15th July 2016**: Training week at Plockton, with professional musicians and skilled performers. This will include PA training, stage-craft development, group working, playing for dancing, communications skills including Gaelic language skills, instrument maintenance etc. Attendance at this week is **ESSENTIAL**.

- **15th July to 8th August 2016:** The summer tour will take place, performance dates to be confirmed. The tour will comprise of a varied programme giving participants the opportunity to participate in various types of performance throughout the North Highlands.

Air a' chuairt | **On the tour**

The maximum working week will be approximately 30 hours but may in practice be shorter to take account of evening working and travel. The geography of the area will mean some days will be longer than others. There may also be some additional rehearsal time during the time 'on the road'.

All band members are expected to share the duties of **setting up and packing away equipment**, **introducing items during performances and acting as ambassadors for the Fèis movement.**

Fèis Chataibh will employ a co-ordinator to undertake the organisation and administration of the Trail. To assist the co-ordinator, participants will be expected to provide information when requested and keep receipts for expenses claims. The co-ordinator or a representative of Fèis Chataibh will support the band at all gigs during the tour.

Please note: dates that may fall in school / college holidays – if any dates clash with terms of educational establishments, it is the responsibility of the performer to negotiate absence either from school or CT activities – Fèis Chataibh will not condone or encourage unauthorised absence from educational commitments.

Barrachd fiosrachaidh | **More information:**

To find out more about the Cèilidh Trail please contact:
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