

TASGADH

Traditional Arts Small Grants



CASE STUDY

ISLE OF SKYE YOUTH PIPE BAND

Tasgadh Grant Awarded	£700
Total Project Cost	£1,360
Tasgadh contribution as % of total	51%
No. of beneficiaries	23



Project Update:

The Isle of Skye Youth Pipe Band is lead by their Pipe Major Iain Finlayson who travels round the schools in the Isle of Skye giving piping tuition. The band is made up of primary and high school pupils from all over the island aged from 9 – 18.

Their application was for a drumming tutor to provide regular tuition to their current drummers and encourage new drummers to join the band.

Brief Resume:

Thanks to their Tasgadh grant the Band were able to employ a tutor who has been visiting weekly. They have 23 children getting weekly lessons. A successful drumming workshop also meant they now have 4 new tenor drummers who play regularly with the Youth Band.

The Band entered the Scottish Schools Competition in February 2016 in Edinburgh and won their "Debut" section.

(the group continue to busk and hold events to raise funds to pay for ongoing costs of tutor)

Outcome/Aims:

Their aim was to encourage more drummers to join the Youth Band and ultimately feed into the Isle of Skye Pipe Band and serve their local community and beyond with great traditional piping and drumming from strong confident bands.

Regular tuition keeps up the momentum for the participants and they get great satisfaction from being part of the Band.

The existing band members have benefited hugely from having more drummers and they are able to travel and compete against their peers from other schools building confidence and achievement. The new drummers are also learning new skills and being a member of the band is encouraging their self-confidence and team work. During the Summer the band have regular performances in Portree Square (and at events such as Highland Games). 100s of visitors get the opportunity to see them perform.