

## ESIN Inter Island Exchange Programme Conference

# What Future for the Small Islands of Europe?

Bowmore, Island of Islay, Scotland  
21/22 November 2006

Europe is a continent fringed by small islands. Many of us look to these islands for leisure and recreation, a peaceful environment away from the bustle of modern day life, where traditional life is preserved. But what of the people who live there all year round? How, in this world of information technology, i-pods and internet do our small European islands fit in?

Funded by the European Commission's INTERREG Programme, the European Small Islands Network have been examining, over the past 2 years, the challenges faced by small islands: from transportation to wind turbines, from island identity to innovation. This project has taken over 200 islanders from 6 member states on island exchange visits where they have experienced first hand examples of best practice in 18 different areas of activity on islands.

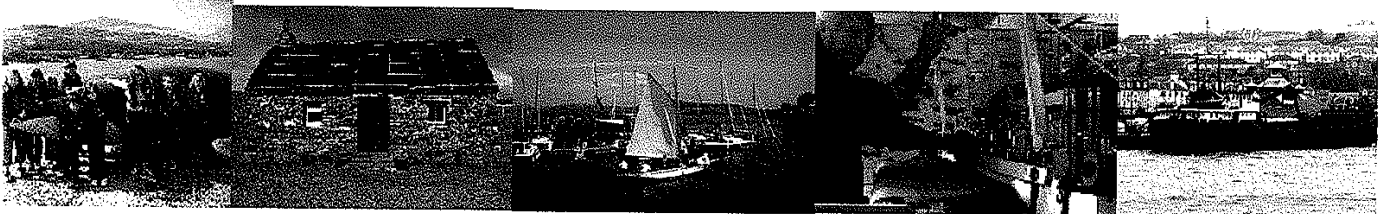
3 main areas of interest have guided these 18 areas of activity:

- **Island identity, culture and language, sense of place and community**
- **Ecologically sustainable island development**
- **Provision of essential public services and facilities**

Reports on these themes, the experiences of the islanders themselves and debates on the main issues will all be presented at the project's final conference on the Island of Islay, Scotland on 21/22 November 2006. This debate seeks to inform all levels of government on the needs of small islands in Europe as well as reaffirming the vital role that they play in contributing to a diverse and sustainable Europe.

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## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**0930 Registration and Coffee**

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*Councillor Ian Gillies, Chairman Scottish Islands Network, Islands Spokesperson Argyll and Bute Council*

**1005 Introduction from the Chair**

*Lesley Riddoch, Broadcaster*

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*Bengt Almkvist, Chair, European Small Islands Federation*

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*Máire Uí Mhaoláin – IIEP Project Manager*

**1100 Islanders' Perspective**

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**1230 Lunch**

**1400 Workshop Sessions on Key Themes**

**Theme 1 – Island identity, culture and language, sense of place and community**

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**Theme 2 - Devising an ecologically sustainable model for island development**

*IIEP Project Officers Scotland and Denmark*

**Theme 3 - Provision of essential public services and facilities on small islands**

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**1500 Coffee**

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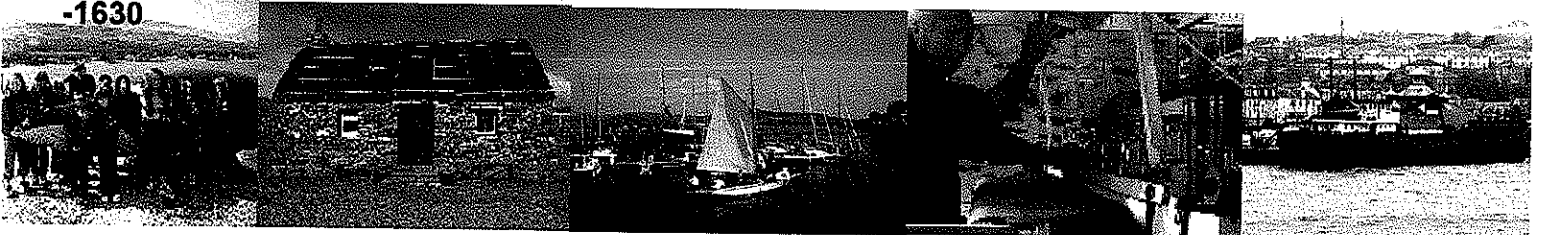
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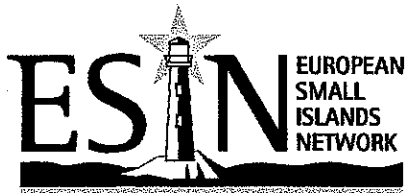
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## REGISTRATION FORM

**IMPORTANT please return before 16 October 2006**

**European Small Islands Network Inter-Island Exchange Project  
Sustainable Islands Conference, Islay - 21 & 22 November 2006**

**To: Argyll & Bute Council, Eaglesahm House, Mount Pleasant Road, Rothesay,  
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I will arrive on Sunday 19 Nov 06 , Monday 20 Nov 06 , Tuesday 21 Nov 06

I will require to be met at Glasgow International Airport  Glasgow, Prestwick Airport

I will make my own way to Kennacraig Yes  No

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**For practical reasons, please fill in the following information regarding your journey.**

**Please note: coaches will leave Glasgow Airport on 20 Nov at 10:00 and Prestwick Airport at 9:00 to meet the 13:00 ferry at Kennecraig.**

**Dependant on numbers there may be a coach available at 15:00 on 19 Nov to meet the 18:00 ferry at Kennacraig**

**YOUR ARRIVAL**





Date & airport of arrival:		Flight no. & Arrival time:	
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**YOUR DEPARTURE**

Date & airport of departure:		Flight no. & Departure time:	
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**Practical Information**

**By Air**

	<b>Glasgow International</b>	<b>Islay</b>
Sunday	17:00	17:45
Monday - Saturday	08:30	09:15
	17:00	17:45

	<b>Islay</b>	<b>Glasgow International</b>
Monday - Saturday	09:40	10:25
	18:10	18:55

**By Ferry**

	<b>Kennacraig</b>	<b>Islay</b>
Sunday	13:00	15:05
	18:00	20:20
Monday	07:00	09:20
	13:00	15:05
Tuesday	07:00	09:20
	13:00	15:05

	<b>Islay</b>	<b>Kennacraig</b>
Wednesday	09:45	12:05
	15:30	17:35
Thursday	09:45	12:05
	15:30	17:35
Friday	09:45	12:05
	15:30	17:35

