

Introduction

Highlands and Islands Enterprise are interested in your experiences of Community Wealth Building - a people-centred approach to local economic development, involving redirecting wealth back into the local community to ensure local people benefit.

Taking part in this survey will help Highlands and Islands Enterprise and partners to better target support to communities across the Highlands and Islands. This survey asks you questions about your Community Group or Organisation with sections on:

- Workforce
- Engagement with your community
- Income sources

The survey also asks about different kinds of assets including:

- Your organisation/group's current assets
- Follow-up questions on different types of assets- land, buildings, energy, transport and marine
- Plans for acquiring assets in the future

We estimate the survey will take no more than 20 minutes to complete. Thank you for your time.

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Section 1: About your Community Group or Organisation

This section of the survey asks you for information about your community group or organisation.

* 1.

What is the name of your community group/organisation?

2.

Please tell us a little about what your community group/organisation does.

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3.

What is your type of community group/organisation? Please select all that apply

- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)
- Company Limited by Guarantee
- Co-operative
- Community Benefit Society (BenCom)
- Voluntary association
- Employee Ownership Trust
- Trust (Deed of Trust)
- A Community Council
- Other (please specify)

- Don't know

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* 4.

Where in Scotland is your community group/organisation based? Please enter the postcode of your main place of operation.

This information is used for analysis purposes only, for example to examine differences between those in urban and rural areas.

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5.

In which of the following areas does your community group/organisation operate? Please select all that apply.

- Argyll and Bute
- Arran and Cumbrae
- Na h-Eileanan Siar
- Orkney
- Shetland
- Moray
- Highland - Inverness, Nairn, Dingwall and the Black Isle
- Highland - Caithness and Sutherland
- Highland - Badenoch and Strathspey
- Highland - Lochaber
- Highland - Easter Ross
- Highland - Skye, Raasay and Wester Ross
- Outside the Highlands and Islands but in Scotland
- Outside Scotland but in the rest of the UK
- Outside of the UK

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6.

Which of the following do you have in place? Please select all that apply.

- Business/strategic plan
- Environmental policies
- People policies for staff and/or volunteers
- Financial plan
- Risk register
- Training of staff/ volunteers
- Conflict of interest policy
- Directors' register of interest
- Directors' responsibilities document
- Fair work action plan/statement
- Don't know
- None of the above

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7.

Does your community group/organisation have an asset lock? This would mean your governing document prevents the transfer of profits and assets to your members.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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* 8.

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'not a challenge' and 10 is 'extremely challenging', to what extent has your community group/organisation found the following:

	0 (Not challenging)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 (Extremely challenging)	Don't know / Not sure	N/A
Complying with regulations or legislation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of time/capacity for longer term planning/development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Securing Public Contracts/Service Level Agreements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of public awareness/understanding of our organisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skills gaps or shortages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recruitment and retention of volunteers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recruitment and retention of staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Succession planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to finance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer fatigue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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9.

What level of confidence do you have in the overall viability of your community group/organisation over the following timescales?

	Very confident	Fairly confident	Fairly unconfident	Very unconfident	Don't know
Within the next 12 months	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1-2 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3 years and beyond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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* 10.

Including yourself, does your community group/organisation have the following? Please select all that apply.

- Active volunteers
- Paid employees
- Members

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Section 2: Volunteers

Please tell us more about your volunteers.

11.

Over the last 12 months, approximately how many active volunteers have been involved in your community group/organisation? Please add as a whole number.

12.

In a typical week, how many volunteer hours does your community group/organisation rely on?

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13.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about volunteering in your community group/organisation?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	N/A
We could not operate without the day-to-day support of our volunteers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our volunteers support other community groups and organisations besides our own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our volunteers are largely retired	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We could not progress our projects without the input of our volunteers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our volunteers provide specialist skills and expertise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Young people are getting involved in volunteering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Section 3: Employees

Please tell us more about your paid employees.

* 14.

How many full-time equivalent staff do you employ currently?

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15.

Over the last 12 months, how many full and part-time paid employees (including yourself) did your community group/ organisation employ? Please respond for each employment type.

Number full time employees (30 hours or more per week)

Number part time employees (less than 30 hours per week)

Number of seasonal workers

16.

In terms of those employed, what proportion are in each of the following age bands? Note, the total proportion should sum to 100.

16-34

35-64

65 and over

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17.

Does your organisation pay at least the 'Real Living Wage in Scotland' to all paid employees? This applies to all employees aged 18 or older. (Living Wage Foundation rate of £12 per hour as of 1 January 2024)

- Yes, all staff
- Yes, some staff
- No
- Don't know

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Section 4: Local Community

These questions ask you about your group/organisation's engagement with your local communities.

* 18.

Which of the following would you say are a key area of focus for your community group/organisation. **Please select up to three.**

- Language, culture and heritage
- Tourism
- Addressing the climate emergency
- Addressing local depopulation
- Providing local housing
- Keeping essential services and amenities in the local community
- Growing/diversifying the local economy
- Creating and sustaining local jobs
- Revenue generation
- Retaining wealth in the local community
- Retaining local assets
- Building/supporting local supply chains
- Promoting inclusivity
- None of the above

19.

Does your community group/organisation contribute to a Local Place Plan?

- Yes
- No - although the community does have a local place plan
- Not applicable for our area - the community does not have a local place plan
- Don't know

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20.

How do you typically engage with your local community? Please select all that apply.

- Represent on locality planning group
- Member of tourism group(s) for local area/ region
- Holding open meetings
- Providing newsletters/updates on projects/activities
- Updating our website
- Provide social media updates
- Working with the local school(s)
- Working with community council(s)
- Collaborating with other community groups/organisations
- Don't know
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above

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21.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your community group/organisation?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
We are influential in decisions which impact our local area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We have a say in the use of our local assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We fill the gap in local service provision left by the public sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We are innovative and entrepreneurial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We are a voice for the local community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We promote our language, culture and heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We continuously evolve to meet local needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We collaborate with others in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We are ambitious and visionary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our language, culture and heritage are important to us	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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22.

Please tell us more about the roles of language, culture and/or heritage in your community group/organisation.

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23.

How prepared or unprepared is your community group/organisation for the transition to net zero?

- Very prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Somewhat unprepared
- Very unprepared
- Not applicable to our organisation
- Don't know

24.

Which of the following actions, if any, has your community group/organisation taken to reduce or offset your greenhouse gas emissions? Please select all that apply.

- Measuring carbon emissions
- Developed a plan/strategy for reducing or offsetting carbon emissions
- Providing climate training for staff or volunteers
- Reducing energy consumption
- Improving thermal efficiency of buildings
- Switching to energy from low carbon or renewable sources
- Using greener sources of transport
- Using locally sourced services and supplies
- Recycling, re-using or re-purposing by-products
- Using more energy efficient equipment
- Using less carbon intensive materials
- Offsetting carbon emissions
- None of the above

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Section 5: Finances

Next, we ask about your community group/organisation's income sources.

* 25.

Over the last 12 months, which of the following has your community group/organisation secured? Please select all that apply.

- Grants
- Fundraising/donations
- Service level agreements
- Procured contracts
- Other earned/trading income
- Debt finance/loan
- Community share capital
- Community benefit funds
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

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* 26.

Over the last 12 months, which has been your **largest source of income**? Please select only **one option**.

- Grants
- Fundraising/donations
- Service level agreements
- Procured contracts
- Other earned/trading income
- Debt finance/loan
- Community share capital
- Community benefit funds
- [Insert text from Other]

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27.

Approximately, what was your community group/organisation's total turnover in the last financial year?

- £10,000 or less
- £10,001 to £25,000
- £25,001 to £100,000
- £100,001 to £500,000
- £500,001 to £1m
- £1m to £10m
- £10m or more
- Don't know

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* 28.

Which of the following, if any, are the most pressing challenges for your community group/organisation? Please select up to three.

- Uncertain or declining grant funding
- Increased operating costs
- Having to charge higher prices
- Lower or no profit margins
- Cashflow
- Depleted cash reserves
- Access to finance
- Levels of debt
- Cost of servicing debt
- Securing insurance
- Ability to maintain existing assets
- Ability to acquire new assets
- None of the above

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29.

What barriers, if any, did your community group/organisation experience in accessing finance? Please select all that apply.

- Uncertainty on how to access external finance
- Uncertainty on where to source external finance
- Complexity of application forms/procedures for grants
- Time taken to draft funding application
- Time for financial applications to be processed
- Interest rates charged on loans
- Need for collateral for loans
- Levels of finance available insufficient for our needs
- Lenders being too risk averse
- Requirements for match funding
- Don't know
- Not Applicable
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

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30.

Does your community group/organisation have at least one trading subsidiary?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

31.

Does your community group/organisation sell goods or services, including under contract/agreement, to any of the following customer groups? Please select all that apply.

- Public sector
- Private sector
- Third sector (inc. social enterprises)
- General public
- None of the above

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32.

Over the past 2-3 years, has your community group/organisation participated in any public sector procurement?

- No, we didn't bid for any contracts
- Yes, but we were unsuccessful in bidding for contract/s
- Yes, we won a contract as part of a consortium or sub-contracting arrangement
- Yes, we won a contract bidding alone
- Don't know

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33.

How likely is your community group/organisation, if at all, to bid for future public sector contracts?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Don't know

34.

What barriers, if any, has your community group/organisation faced when considering public sector contracts? Please select all that apply.

- Unsure where to start with public sector procurement process
- Complexity of the overall procurement process
- Lack of clear guidance materials
- Lack of expertise in writing bids
- Costs associated with bid preparation
- Time taken to prepare bids
- Timescales for bidding
- Evidencing we can meet all the bidding criteria
- Required insurance and liability levels
- Access to legal support for contract review and compliance
- Requirements not being proportionate to the contract
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

35.

Do you have any service level agreements/contracts currently in operation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Section 6: Assets

Now we are going to ask you about your community group/organisation's assets.

* 36.

Does your community organisation currently own, manage or lease, or are you in the process of acquiring, any of the following types of assets? Please select all that apply.

- Land (e.g. crofting or other estate, woodland/forestry, land for development, amenity land)
- Buildings (e.g. housing, commercial, community, and heritage)
- Energy infrastructure (e.g. wind turbines, hydro power, solar, biomass)
- Transport infrastructure (e.g. ferry, EV charging points, community vehicles)
- Marine infrastructure (e.g. piers, reservoir, slipways, marinas, pontoons)
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above

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Section 7: Land assets

This section asks you more questions about your land assets.

* 37.

In terms of the land your community group/organisation has, which of the following best describes its ownership. Please select all that apply.

- We own land
- We manage/lease land
- We are in the process of acquiring land

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38.

Which type(s) of land does your community group/organisation have? For each please select your ownership status.

	We own	We manage or lease	We are in the process of acquiring	We neither own/manage/lease
Large estate (over 1,000 hectares)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large crofting estate (over 1,000 hectares)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other estate (less than 1,000 hectares)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other crofting estate (less than 1,000 hectares)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large-scale/commercial woodland/forestry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agricultural land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peatland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amenity land for sports and recreation e.g. community garden, playpark, sports field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land for development e.g. future housing, community hub, business units	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: Please tell us about the type of land and the ownership status

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39.

How much land does your community group/organisation own? Please detail the number of hectares. If you own multiple sites, please provide the total for all sites.

40.

Thinking of all the land your group/organisation has, does it generate income for your community group/organisation?

- Yes, but not currently enough to cover its costs
- Yes, and this is currently enough to cover its costs
- No, it does not currently generate any income
- Don't know

Section 8: Building assets

This section asks you more about your buildings.

* 41.

In terms of the buildings your community group/organisation has, which of the following best describes its ownership. Please select all that apply.

- We own buildings
- We manage/lease buildings
- We are in the process of acquiring buildings

* 42.

What is the function(s) of the building/s you own? Please select all that apply.

- Housing
- Offices
- Retail
- Restaurant/ café/ pub
- Visitor centre
- Museum/ heritage/ cultural venue
- Public toilets
- Post office
- Tourist accommodation/ hotel
- Sports facilities
- Day care or childcare provision
- Events space/ hall
- Other (please specify)

43.

How would you describe the building(s) when initially acquired by your community group/organisation? If you have multiple buildings, consider them in their totality.

- Significant refurbishment/repurposing was required
- Some refurbishment/repurposing was required
- No refurbishment/repurposing was required
- Don't know

44.

Will work be required to achieve acceptable energy efficiency standards? This would mean achieving an EPC rating of C or above.

- Yes, for all of our buildings
- Yes, for some of our buildings
- No
- Don't know

45.

Do the building(s) generate income for your community group or organisation?

- Yes, but not currently enough to cover its costs
- Yes, and this is currently enough to cover its costs
- No, it does not currently generate any income
- Don't know

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Section 9: Housing

Here we ask you a few more questions about your housing owned by your community group or organisation.

46.

How many units of housing does your community group/organisation own? Please enter a number for each option, including 0 if you have no units.

New build housing	<input type="text"/>
Existing housing - fit for purpose	<input type="text"/>
Existing housing - which needed refurbishment	<input type="text"/>
Building which was repurposed to housing	<input type="text"/>

47.

How many of your units are..? Please enter a number for each option, including 0 if you have no units.

Residential accommodation

Holiday accommodation

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48.

What are your main target groups for the occupiers of this housing?

- Open to all
- Local families
- Key workers
- Seasonal workers e.g. for hospitality, agriculture
- People moving to work in the area
- Younger people (aged 16-34)
- Older people (aged 65+)
- Other (please specify)

49.

Which of the following applies to your model of operation?

- Operating as a Landlord
- Building or acquiring housing to pass onto another organisation to run,
- Building or acquiring to sell
- Collaborating with housing developers to deliver
- Collaborating with an organisation(s) such as the Communities Housing Trust or Rural Housing Scotland to deliver
- Other (please specify)

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50.

What challenges, if any, did your community group/organisation encounter when developing or managing housing? Please select all that apply.

- High costs of repair and maintenance
- Scale of retrofitting or renovating required
- Meeting energy efficiency standards
- Lack of contractors tendering or conducting work
- High building or renovation costs
- Compliance with planning regulations
- Lack of development funding
- Lack of skills within our community group/organisation to operate as a Landlord or housing provider
- Lack of skills within our community group/organisation to manage housing development projects
- Lack of capacity within our community group/organisation
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

51.

Does the housing you own generate income/revenue for your community group/organisation?

- Yes, but not currently enough to cover its costs
- Yes, and this is currently enough to cover its costs
- No, it does not currently generate any income/ revenue
- Don't know

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Section 10: Energy Assets

This section asks you more about your energy infrastructure.

* 52.

In terms of the energy infrastructure your community group/organisation has, which of the following best describes its ownership. Please select all that apply.

- We own energy infrastructure
- We manage/lease energy infrastructure
- We are in the process of acquiring energy infrastructure

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53.

Which types of energy infrastructure does your community group/organisation **have**? For each please select your **ownership status**.

	We own	We manage or lease	We are in the process of acquiring	We neither own/manage/lease
Electricity generation - Onshore wind turbines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electricity generation - offshore wind turbines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electricity generation - Solar PV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electricity generation - Hydro	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heat generation - Heat pumps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heat generation - Biomass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heat generation - Solar Thermal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: Please specify your energy asset and your ownership status

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54.

What is the **total number of renewable energy installations** owned by your group/organisation?

55.

What is the **total operational renewable energy capacity** of the renewable energy installations you own?

56.

What is the total renewable energy capacity **still in development**?

57.

Which of the following best describes the use of the energy generated by your energy infrastructure?

- All the energy generated is used to serve our community which is off-grid
- All the energy generated is sold to the grid
- Other (please specify)

- Don't know

58.

When are your renewable energy installations due to reach the end of their operational life?

- Within the next 12 months
- 1-2 years
- 3 years and beyond
- Don't know

59.

Which of the following best describes your plans for renewable energy installations approaching the end of their operational life?

- Extending their life
- Repowering
- Decommissioning
- A mix of the above
- Need more information on options
- Yet to decide

60.

Which of the following best describes your financial situation in terms of addressing the end of operational life requirements of your energy installations?

- We have reserved sufficient budget to pay for end of operational life requirements
- We have reserved some budget but will need additional funding to pay for end of operational life requirements
- We have not reserved any budget and will need full funding support for end of operational life requirements
- Don't know

61.

What challenges, if any, has your community group/organisation encountered with the energy infrastructure you own? Please select all that apply.

- Regulatory challenges
- Securing planning consent
- Grid capacity issues
- Maintenance and running costs
- Availability of contractors for maintenance
- Availability of specialist skills to support repowering
- Availability of specialist skills to support decommissioning
- Keeping up with technological developments
- Obtaining insurance
- None of the above

62.

Does the energy asset generate income for your community group/organisation?

- Yes, but not currently enough to cover its costs
- Yes, and this is currently enough to cover its costs
- No, it does not currently generate any income
- Don't know

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Section 11: Transport Infrastructure

* 63.

In terms of the transport infrastructure your community group/organisation has, which of the following best describes its ownership? Please select all that apply.

- We own transport infrastructure
- We manage/lease transport infrastructure
- We are in the process of acquiring transport infrastructure

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64.

Which types of transport infrastructure does your community group/organisation **have**?
For each please select your ownership status.

	We own	We manage or lease	We are in the process of acquiring	We neither own/manage/ lease
Ferry or boat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EV charging points	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community vehicles e.g. mini-bus, taxi, hospital car	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: Please tell us the type of transport infrastructure and ownership status

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65.

Does the transport infrastructure you own generate income for your group/organisation?

- Yes, but not currently enough to cover its costs
- Yes, and this is currently enough to cover its costs
- No, it does not currently generate any income
- Don't know

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Section 12: Marine Infrastructure

* 66.

In terms of the marine infrastructure your community group/organisation has, which of the following best describes its ownership? Please select all that apply.

- We own marine infrastructure
- We manage/lease marine infrastructure
- We are in the process of acquiring marine infrastructure

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67.

Which types of marine infrastructure does your community group/organisation **have**? For each please select your ownership status.

	we own	we manage or lease	we are in the process of acquiring	we neither own/manage/ lease
Pier or breakwater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reservoir or water intakes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Slipway or jetty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marina or pontoons	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Moorings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: Please tell us the type of infrastructure and ownership status

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68.

Does the marine infrastructure generate income revenue for your community group/organisation?

- Yes, but not currently enough to cover its costs
- Yes, and this is currently enough to cover its costs
- No, it does not currently generate any income
- Don't know

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Section 13: Other assets

* 69.

In terms of the other assets your community group/organisation has, which of the following best describes its ownership. Please select all that apply.

- We own other assets
- We manage/lease other assets
- We are in the process of acquiring other assets

70.

Thinking of all the other assets your community group/organisation has, do they generate income for your community group/organisation?

- Yes, but not currently enough to cover its costs
- Yes, and this is currently enough to cover its costs
- No, it does not currently generate any income
- Don't know

Section 14: General Assets

Thank you for answering sections about your type(s) of asset. This section asks you more about your assets in general.

* 71.

What were your community group/organisation's key motivations for wanting to purchase or acquire the asset(s)? Please select up to three.

- Keeping essential services available to our community
- To retain community facilities or amenities
- To create jobs locally
- We responded to an opportunity which came up
- We saw the income generation potential
- Safeguarding the asset for the future
- There was a grant available, so we took the opportunity
- Wanting to improve biodiversity or natural environment
- To address climate change
- To preserve our heritage
- To celebrate our cultures and languages
- This fits with our long-term strategy
- We saw the development potential

72.

Which, if any, of the following challenges relating to costs of acquiring or owning assets did your community group/organisation experience? Please select all that apply.

- Difficulties raising the purchase price
- Obtaining match funding
- Securing the finance for purchase (e.g. obtaining security for credit/debt)
- Meeting grant conditions
- Post acquisition costs considered excessive
- Not applicable
- None of the above

73.

Which, if any, of the following challenges did your community group/organisation experience when seeking to acquire assets? Please select all that apply.

- Securing advice/expertise
- Compliance with regulation/legislation
- Having the right skills to project manage these kinds of projects
- Lack of community support
- Volunteer fatigue
- Insufficient timescales to prepare a bid
- Unable to compete against other interest/bidders
- Ensuring sequencing of all elements required to bid
- None of the above

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74.

What support was most beneficial to your community group/organisation in acquiring assets?

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75.

How does the community benefit from your asset(s)? Please select all that apply.

- We provide funds that individuals or community groups can apply to
- Vouchers or grants are provided to local residents
- Local projects are supported
- Funds are invested in the acquisition or development of other community assets
- Revenue is invested back into other community projects
- Our language, culture and heritage are being preserved
- We are providing services that would otherwise not be available
- We are safeguarding assets for the future of our community
- Job creation
- Donations are made to fundraising events
- Other (please specify)

- Don't know

Section 15: Future Assets

* 76. Is your community group looking to acquire or develop any of the following new assets? Please select all that apply.

- Land (e.g. crofting or other estate, woodland/forestry, land for development, amenity land)
- Buildings - (e.g. housing, commercial, community, and heritage)
- Energy infrastructure (e.g. wind turbines, hydro power, solar, biomass)
- Transport infrastructure (e.g. ferry, EV charging points, community vehicles)
- Marine infrastructure (e.g. piers, reservoir, slipways, marinas, pontoons)
- Other (please specify)
- Not looking to secure new assets

* 77.

Why is your community group/organisation not looking to acquire or develop new assets?

- Lack of capacity in our community group/organisation
- Don't see as a priority to acquire
- We can access community assets already
- Unavailability of assets in our local area
- Unable to compete with third party bidder(s)
- Cannot secure the finance for purchase
- Cannot respond to the opportunity in sufficient time
- Size of available assets too large for our needs
- Size of available assets too small for our needs
- Don't know how to go about it
- Lack of skills to acquire assets
- Lack of skills to manage assets
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above

* 78.

Does your community group/organisation have any aspiration to acquire a larger land holding (over 1,000 hectares)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

79.

If no, please tell us more about your reasons for this.

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* 80.

Have you considered registering an interest in land?

- Yes, we are working on this
- Yes, but we have not progressed this
- No, did not realise we could do this
- No, we have to plans to do this

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81.

Please tell us a bit more about why you have not yet progressed or have no plans to register an interest in land.

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82.

Over which of the following timescales are you looking to acquire new assets?

- Within the next 12 months
- 1-2 years
- 3 years and beyond

83.

What would you like to do with new asset(s)? Please summarise your ambitions.

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84.

What of the following, if any, are barriers for your community group/organisation in the acquisition or development of new assets? Please select all that apply

- Accessing the finance/funding
- The asset is not available
- Lack of expertise to progress
- Lack of capacity to progress
- Too risky at present
- Costs are too high
- Not confident we will secure the necessary post-purchase development funding/finance
- Not confident we can compete against other purchasers
- Other (please specify)

- Nothing - we are progressing with our plans

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85.

Are you aware of any of the following opportunities in your area? Please select all that apply.

- Private investment
- Community benefits from major infrastructure projects
- Renewable energy generation
- Peatland restoration

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86.

Which of the following opportunities is your community group/organisation interested in pursuing?

	Yes, by ourselves	Yes, in collaboration with others	No	Don't know
Private investment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community benefit funds from major infrastructure projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renewable energy generation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peatland restoration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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87.

What support would be of greatest use in helping facilitate your community group/organisation's aspirations for your local community.

Please include any suggestions you have for local stakeholders, national agencies, private, public or third sector.