

Skye & Lochalsh Community Outreach Hub

January 2026 - March 2028



A monthly outreach hub (April 2026-March 2028) bringing services to rural Skye and Lochalsh communities. Connects families, local groups, and regional providers in familiar spaces. Offers accessible, stigma-free support to boost wellbeing and community ties.

Hub Facilitation

The hub will be managed by Skye and Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations (SLCVO), with a dedicated part-time officer working closely with local communities and groups. Their role is to ensure the services families need are identified and made accessible through the hub, bringing support directly to where it's needed most.

Group Participation

A core group of third sector organisations will deliver regular outreach services through the hubs, supported by funding sought by the HWWS Collaboration. The pilot will bring vital services directly to rural communities across Skye and Lochalsh. Public sector teams offering direct support will also be invited to participate at the hubs.

Features of the Monthly Outreach Hub

- **One-Stop Access Point**- health, wellbeing, welfare, social care, and community support in one place—reducing travel and increasing accessibility to services, in remote and rural areas.
- **Rotating Locations** - the hub will visit community spaces across Skye and Lochalsh, chosen for local need and accessibility.
- **Flexible Support Options** - services are available through drop-ins or pre-booked appointments, offering both spontaneous and planned support.
- **Safe spaces** - Safe, welcoming places to connect and stay warm
- **Engaging activities**, each hub session will include:
 - Social connection opportunities
 - Play sessions for children
 - Peer support groups
 - Wellbeing activities
 - Taster sessions
- **Co-Production Opportunities** - attendees will be invited to help shape future services through feedback. This ensures the hub evolves in response to community needs and builds trust between service providers and residents.

Range of Support Services the hub will offer

- Mental health support - Listening services, peer support, and referrals
- Support and community connections for people with disabilities, neurodivergent individuals, and those with long-term health conditions.
- Early intervention and prevention support
- Signposting to specialist services and organisations.
- Support for unpaid carers and those managing self-directed support.
- Early years support and family wellbeing.
- Health and wellbeing support - Taster sessions, practical advice, and preventative information
- Welfare & financial guidance
- Housing & employment support
- Daily living support - Help with food, essentials, and reducing financial hardship

Outcomes For the Community

- Improved access to services in Skye and Lochalsh.
- Increased wellbeing and resilience through regular, stigma-free support.
- Stronger community connections through shared spaces and peer support.
- Early identification of needs, reducing crisis interventions.
- Improved access to support through increased awareness.
- Greater inclusion and empowerment by involving communities in service design.

Outcomes For Third Sector Organisations

- Collaborative funding opportunities to support outreach services.
- Stronger visibility and engagement with rural communities.
- Improved collaboration across sectors, reducing silo working.
- Capacity building through shared learning and skills development
- Opportunities for co-production, shaping services based on lived experience.
- Participation in innovative commissioning pilots, enhancing flexibility

Initial Participating Organisations

Local Organisations

- Skye & Lochalsh Citizens Advice Bureau
- Skye and Lochalsh Mental Health Association
- Myself Management Skye & Lochalsh
- Counselling Care Skye & Lochalsh
- Corry Capers (Broadford & Strath Community Company)
- Rag Tag and Textiles
- Skye Autism Support
- Alzheimer Scotland Skye & Lochalsh Services
- Befrienders Skye & Lochalsh
- Skye & Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations

Highland Organisations

- Connecting Carers
- Community Contacts (Carr Gomm)
- Mikeysline
- Highland Hospice - Crocus
- Highland BlindCraft
- Thriving Families
- Allenergy

Public Sector

- Smoke Free Highland