

# An Comunn Gàidhealach

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## Facal bhon Cheann Suidhe

Tha e na thoileachas dhòmhsa aig àm nuair a tha blàths agus ùrachadh an Earraich a' tighinn a-steach, fàilte a chur oirbh uile tron chuairt-litir seo. Tha mi'n dòchas gum bi am modh ùr seo feumail airson fiosrachadh a thoirt dha buill agus na mheadhan airson ceangal a dhaingneachadh eadar An Comunn agus ar ballrachd a tha sgaipte air feadh an t-saoghail, ach aig an aon àm dìreach ceum beag air falbh bhuaib tro shaoghal ùr an eadar-lìn.

Iain Macleòid, Ceann-suidhe

## Coinneamh Bhliadhnail a' Chomuinn

Thèid Coinneamh Bhliadhnail a' Chomuinn Ghàidhealaich a chumail air Disathairne 31mh den Mhàrt 2012 anns an Aghaidh Mhòr. Tòisichidh a' choinneamh aig 10m ann an Taigh Òsta MhicDhòmhnail.

Tha An Comunn cuideachd a' cur air dòigh Co-labhairt sònraichte a thèid a chumail as dèidh a' Choinneamh Bhliadhnail.

Tha sinn air cuireadh a thoirt do riochdairean òga a tha ag obair ann an diofar obraichean ann an saoghal na Gàidhlig a bheir dhuinn beagan fiosrachadh mun obair a tha iad a' dèanamh agus carson a thagh iad dreuchdan ann an saoghal na Gàidhlig.

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## Message from the President

*I hope you find this new avenue of communication useful and informative as we continue the ongoing work of An Comunn Gàidhealach in this, the 120th anniversary year of the very first National Mod. I hope you will be able to join us, in person or in spirit, as we celebrate this special year at the Royal National Mod in Dunoon – just a little over six months away!*

*Iain Macleòid, President*

## Annual General Meeting & Conference

*The Annual General Meeting of An Comunn Gàidhealach will take place on Saturday 31st March in Aviemore. The Meeting will commence at 10am in the Macdonald Aviemore Hotel. The meeting will be followed by a Conference featuring various young individuals currently working in different parts of the Gaelic world.*

*All An Comunn members are encouraged to attend the AGM and Conference. You will be required to produce your membership card. If you hope to attend please inform Peigi MacIannan on 01851 703 487 or [peigi@ancomunn.co.uk](mailto:peigi@ancomunn.co.uk) to ensure sufficient lunch provisions are made.*

## Mòdan Ionadail

Chaidh billeagan-fiosrachaidh a dhèanamh bho chionn ghoirid ag innse na cinn-latha airson gach Mòd Ionadail ann an 2012. Tha seo ri fhaighinn cuideachd air làrach-lìn a' Chomuinn. Tha duilleag aig gach Mòd Ionadail air an làrach-lìn, far is urrainn dhaibh fiosrachadh mu na Mòdan aca fhèin a shanasachd. Gheibhear fiosrachadh mu farpaisean, duaisean, Comataidhean agus tachartasan sam bith co-cheangailte ri na Mòdan seo aig [www.ancomunn.co.uk](http://www.ancomunn.co.uk)

## Mòd Ionadail Uibhist 2012

Tha An Comunn Gàidhealach toilichte gun tèid Mòd Ionadail Uibhist a chumail air an 1mh agus 2mh den t-Ògmhios am-bliadhna. Tha Comataidh ùr air tighinn còmhladh agus tha iad a' ag obair cruaidh gus am Mòd a chur air dòigh. Tha sinn a' guidhe gach soirbheachas dhaibh uile!

Gheibhear tuilleadh fiosrachadh bho Fiona NicAmhlaigh air [fiona@gnes.net](mailto:fiona@gnes.net) no air duilleag Mòd Ionadail Uibhist air an làrach lìn againn aig [www.ancomunn.co.uk](http://www.ancomunn.co.uk).

## Mòd Ionadail Dhùn Èideann

Thèid Mod Ionadail Dhùn Èideann a chumail air Disathairne 21mh den Ghiblean 2012 aig Ard Sgoil Liberton, Rathad Gilmerton, Dùn Èideann. Bu chòrr foirmean iarrtas a bhi a-staigh ron 16mh no 30mh Màrt 2012. Cuiribh fios gu:  
Fiona Nic an Tòisich  
38 Rathad Roull, Dùn Èideann, EH12 7JS  
0131 476 6611  
Post-d: [fiona.mackintosh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:fiona.mackintosh@blueyonder.co.uk) no tadhalaibh air [www.modionadaildhuneideann](http://www.modionadaildhuneideann)

## Provincial Mods

*An Comunn Gàidhealach has recently produced information leaflets detailing the dates of all the Provincial Mods which will take place in 2012. This information is also available on the An Comunn website. Each Provincial Mod has its own dedicated page on the website to enable Committees to promote their Mod and to advertise any events taking place and so on. Information on competitions, prizes, Committee contact details can be found at [www.ancomunn.co.uk](http://www.ancomunn.co.uk).*

## Uist Provincial Mod

*An Comunn Gàidhealach is delighted that the Uist Provincial Mod will take place on the 1st & 2nd of June 2012. A new Committee has formed and have been working hard to re-establish the event in the area once again. We wish them all the very best of luck! For further information contact Fiona MacAulay at [fiona@gnes.net](mailto:fiona@gnes.net) or visit the Uist Provincial Mod page on our website at [www.ancomunn.co.uk](http://www.ancomunn.co.uk).*

## Edinburgh Provincial Mod

*The Edinburgh Provincial Mod will take place on Saturday 21st April 2012 in Liberton High School, Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh. All enquiries / entries should be submitted by the 16th or 30th March 2012 to:  
Fiona Mackintosh  
38 Roull Road, Edinburgh, EH12 7JS  
0131 476 6611  
Email: [fiona.mackintosh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:fiona.mackintosh@blueyonder.co.uk) or visit [www.modionadaildhuneideann](http://www.modionadaildhuneideann)*

Ma tha sibh airson fiosrachadh mun Mhòd Ionadail agaibh a chur dhan chuairt-litir seo cuiribh fios thugainn:  
*If you wish to include any information about your Provincial Mod in this newsletter please email details to:*

[marina@ancomunn.co.uk](mailto:marina@ancomunn.co.uk)

## Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2012

Tha An Comunn Gàidhealach trang le ullachaidhean airson Mòd na bliadhna seo, a thèid a chumail ann an Dùn Omhain eadar an 12mh agus an 19mh den Dàmhair. 'B ann an 2006 a chaidh am Mòd a chumail anns' a bhaile mu dheireadh. Tha sinn air ag obair còmhla ris a' Chomataidh Ionadail a tha trang ag ullachadh fo stiùir Dick Walsh, Neach Gairm a' Chomataidh, gus dèanamh cinnteach gum bidh Mòd soirbheachail aca a-rithist. Gheibhear gu h-ìosal liosta feadhainn de bhuill a' Chomataidh Ionadail ann an Dùn Omhain:

Mòd Dhùn Omhain - 12-19 Dàmhair 2012  
Dunoon Mod - 12-19 October 2012

*An Comunn Gàidhealach is busy making preparations for this year's Mod which takes place in Dunoon between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The Mod last took place in the town in 2006. We have been working closely with the Local Organising Committee who have been working very hard under the guidance of Dick Walsh, the Committee's Convenor, to ensure another successful Mod in the area. Below is a list of some useful contacts for the Local Organising Committee:*



### Comataidh Ionadail Dhùn Omhain

Convenor - Dick Walsh [dick.walsh@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:dick.walsh@argyll-bute.gov.uk) 01369 700 824  
Secretary - Kirsty Mundell [towardfarm@aol.com](mailto:towardfarm@aol.com) 01369 870 244  
Secretary - Angela Johnson [glenlodge@lineone.net](mailto:glenlodge@lineone.net) 01369 702 978  
Accommodation - Rona Large [ericlodge@btinternet.com](mailto:ericlodge@btinternet.com) 01369 700 061

## Teachdaireachd bhon Chomataidh Ionadail...

Tha Comataidh Mòd Dhùn Omhain 2012 a' coimhead air adhart ri fàilte a chur oirbh uile a-rithist agus tha sinn ag obair gu cruaidh gus Mòd air leth shònraichte a thoirt thugaibh. Bidh an Comataidh a' sgoileadh ticeadan raffle nas fhaig air an àm agus tha sinn an dòchas gun cuidich sibh le reic ticeadan. Thèid a' chuid as motha den airgead a thèid a chruinneachadh gu cosgaisean nan duaisean. 'S e £3,000 a' chiad duais! Tha cothrom ann do chòisirean beagan airgead a thogail le bhì a' cuideachadh le ticeadan a reic, oir gheibh iad dàrna leth an airgead a chruinnicheas iad. Ma tha Còisir sam bith ann nach eil air fiosrachadh fhaighinn mu seo, cuiribh fios gu Kirsty Mundell air 01369 870 244.

## Message from the Local Committee...

*The Local Committee of Mod 2012 are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to Dunoon and are working hard to make sure that this will be a first class Mod. They will be sending out some raffle tickets nearer the time which we hope you can sell. Most of the money raised will be included in the prize fund. The first prize is £3,000! There is an opportunity for choirs to sell tickets and keep half the proceeds for their own fund raising. If anyone has not been contacted about this please phone Kirsty Mundell on 01369 870244.*

Bidh an làrach-lìn again beò a dh' aithghearr - cumaibh sùil a-mach aig [www.dunoonmod2012.org](http://www.dunoonmod2012.org)

*The web site is about to go live. Look out for it on [www.dunoonmod2012.org](http://www.dunoonmod2012.org).*

## Sgeama Measaidh a' Mhòid

As dèidh cho soirbheachail 's a bha Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2011, tha An Comunn Gàidhealach, air atharraichidhean ainmeachadh air sgeama measaidh a' Mhòid, a thig gu buil aig Mòd 2012.

Tha an sgeama ùr coltach ris an fhear a bh' ann ach le atharraichidhean cudromach na chois. Tha eisimpleirean de chòmhradh rim faotainn air an làrach-lìn againn aig [www.ancomunn.co.uk](http://www.ancomunn.co.uk) far am faicear na structaran as cudromaiche a dh' fhaodar a bhith air an cleachdadh agus inbhe gach còmhradh a dh' fheumas a choileanadh aig gach ìre. Bidh liosta sgrùdaidh aig gach neach-measaidh gus dèanamh cinnteach gu bheil ceartas is cothromachd anns na measaidhean. Faodaidh farpaisichean goireasan ionnsachaidh sam bith a chleachdadh gus an inbhe fileantachd a dh' fheumas iad a choileanadh airson cairt a ghlèidheadh ach tha An Comunn Gàidhealach a' moladh gum faodar tadhail air [www.learnghaelic.net](http://www.learnghaelic.net). Airson barrachd fiosrachaidh no stiùiridh, cuiribh fon thugainn air 01463 231 226.

## Atharrachaidhean air Pìosan Ainmichte

Thathas air atharrachaidhean a dhèanamh ri feadhainn de na pìosan ainmichte airson Mòd na bliadhna seo. Chìthear liosta de na atharraichidhean gu lèir aig:

<http://www.acgmod.org/nationalmod/moddetail/changes-to-prescribed-pieces>

Ma tha ceistean sam bith agaibh a thaobh na h-atharraichidhean seo, cuiribh fios gu Seumas Greumach air 01463 709 705 no cuiribh post-dealain gu [james@ancomunn.co.uk](mailto:james@ancomunn.co.uk)

## Changes to Gaelic Assessment

*Following the success of the Royal National Mod in 2011, organisers An Comunn Gàidhealach have announced changes to the Gaelic Assessment scheme, which are now effective for the 2012 event.*

*The new assessment scheme is similar to the old one but with important differences. There are now sample conversations available online at [www.ancomunn.co.uk](http://www.ancomunn.co.uk) to let competitors see what key structures they should be able to use and the standard of conversation expected for each level. Newly trained assessors will have a check list to ensure the objectivity and fairness of any assessment. Prospective competitors may use any learning method or resources they wish to achieve the fluency required to attain their respective card. An Comunn Gàidhealach recommend that anyone wishing to learn Gaelic in order to gain cards for entry to Mod competitions should visit [www.learnghaelic.net](http://www.learnghaelic.net). For more information please contact us on 01463 231 226.*



## Changes to Prescribed Pieces

*A number of amendments have been made to some of this year's Prescribed Pieces. These can be found on our website by clicking on the following link.*

<http://www.acgmod.org/nationalmod/moddetail/changes-to-prescribed-pieces>

*If you have any queries about any of these changes, please contact James Graham on 01463 709 705 or email [james@ancomunn.co.uk](mailto:james@ancomunn.co.uk)*

## Foirmean Iarrrtas a' Mhòid

Bidh foirmean iarrrtas Mòd na bliadhna seo ri fhaighinn ann an seachdain no dhà eile. Cumaibh sùil air an làrach-lìn. Bidh e comasach dhuibh na foirmean a chlo-bhualadh agus a chur thugainn sa' phost, no an cuir a-steach air loidhne. Gheibhear tuilleadh fiosrachadh bho Rena NicAsgaill, Rianadair a' Mhòid, air 01463 709 705 no cuirbh post-d thuice air [rena@ancomunn.co.uk](mailto:rena@ancomunn.co.uk)

## Earrainnean Ainmichte

Tha Earrainnean Ainmichte na bliadhna seo ri 'n ceannachd anns na h-oifisean againn. Tha CDs cuideachd ri faighinn, le ceòl agus na facail airson farpaisean na cloinne.

Ma tha sibh airson an ceannachd, cuiribh fios thugainn, agus cuiridh sinn a-mach thugaibh iad sa' phost.

## Bùth a' Chomuinn

Tha cruinneachadh de leabhraichean Gàidhlig, CDs, cairtean Gàidhlig, mìosachain, leabhraichean còcaireachd agus a h-uile seòrsa rud ri fhaighinn ann am Bùth a' Chomuinn ann an Steòrnabhagh.

Cuimhnichibh gu bheil Buill a' Chomuinn a' faighinn lùghdachadh de 10 sa bhùth againn!

Bidh e comasach stuth a cheannachd fon làrach-lìn againn anns na mìosan a tha romhainn ach ma tha sibh a' lorg Cd no leabhar sam bith, cuiribh fòn no post-dealain thugainn agus cuiridh sinn thugaibh e sa' phost!

## Royal National Mod Entry Forms

*This year's Entry Forms will be made available in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on our website where you will be able to download forms and submit by post or alternatively you will be able to submit forms online. For further information contact*

*Rena Macaskill, our Mod Administrator, on 01463 709 705 or email [rena@ancomunn.co.uk](mailto:rena@ancomunn.co.uk)*

## Prescribed Pieces

*You can still buy the Prescribed Pieces for this year's Mod from either of our offices. We also have CDs available with Music and spoken words for junior competitions.*

*If you wish to purchase any of these please get in touch and we can post them out to you.*

## An Comunn Shop

*The An Comunn Shop, based in Stornoway, offers a variety of Gaelic books and Cds, Gaelic greetings cards, cook books, calendars and much more. Remember An Comunn members get a 10% discount on all purchases! Sales will be available through our online store in the coming months, but in the meantime, if there are any CDs or books you require, just get in touch and we can post any orders out to you!*



## Cinn Latha Feumail!

Cèilidh is Dannsa ann am Pòl Iù  
Disathairne 24mh Màrt @ 7.30f

Cèilidh is Dannsa  
Talla Phòl Iù  
Donnie & Diane  
Raymond Bremner  
Riona Whyte  
Stuart Jackson

## Dates for your Diaries!

*Cèilidh Dance in Poolewe*  
*Saturday 24th March @ 7.30pm*

*Ceilidh Dance*  
*Poolewe Hall*  
*Donnie & Diane*  
*Raymond Bremner*  
*Riona Whyte*  
*Stuart Jackson*

Comunn Gàidhealach an Òbain  
Disathairne 31mh Màrt

Cèilidh  
Talla Masonic, an Òbain  
Màiri Nic a' Mhaoilein  
Morag NicNèill  
Jimmy Camshron  
Steven Maclomhair

*Comunn Gàidhealach an Òbain*  
*Saturday 31st March @ 7.30pm*

*Ceilidh*  
*Masonic Hall, Oban*  
*Mary Macmillan*  
*Morag MacNeil*  
*Jimmy Cameron*  
*Steven MacIver*

## Meur Ghallaibh

Tha Meur Ghallaibh toilichte innse gur ann an Inbhir Ùige a thèid Mòd Ionadail Cataibh is Gallaibh a chumail am-bliadhna, air 2mh den t-Ògmhios. Bidh an Comataidh a' cur air dòigh sreath de thachartasan anns na mìosan a tha romhainn air feadh na sgìre. Gheibhear tuilleadh fiosrachadh bho: [cameronatcroick@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cameronatcroick@tiscali.co.uk) no cumaibh sùil air duilleag Mòd Ionadail Ghallaibh is Cataibh air làrach-lìn a Chomuinn.

## Caithness Branch

*The Caithness Branch is pleased to announce that this year's Sutherland & Caithness Provincial Mod will take place in Caithness this year, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.*

*The Committee are busy organising a series of events which will take place in the region over the next few months. For further information, contact [cameronatcroick@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cameronatcroick@tiscali.co.uk) or keep an eye on the Sutherland & Caithness Provincial Mod's page on the An Comunn website.*

## Mòd Ionadail Cille Brìde an Ear

'S ann air an 25mh agus an 26mh den Chèitean a thèid Mòd Ionadail Chille Brìde an Ear a chumail am-bliadhna, agus chan ann san t-Ògmhios. Cuiribh fon gu Peigi Darroch air 01355 226 067.

## East Kilbride Provincial Mod

*Please note that the East Kilbride Mod will now take place on the 25th and 26th of May and not in June. For further information or details about this year's Mod, contact Peigi Darroch on 01355 226 067.*

## Mòd Ionadail Leòdhais

'S ann eadar an 29mh den Chèitean agus an 1mh den t-Ògmhios a thèid Mòd Ionadail Leòdhais a chumail am-bliadhna, agus chan ann sa' Mhàirt. Cuiribh fòn gu Peigi NicIllinnein air 01851 703 487.

## Lewis Provincial Mod

*Please note that the Lewis Mod will take place between 29th May and 1st June and not in March. For further information contact Peigi MacIannan on 01851 703 487.*

## Fèis Chlàrsaich Eadar-Nàiseanta Dhùn Èideann

30mh Màrt – 4mh Giblean 2012  
Sgoil Chaisteal Merchiston, Dùn Èideann  
[www.harpfestival.co.uk](http://www.harpfestival.co.uk)

## *Edinburgh International Harp Festival*

*30th March – 4th April 2012  
Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh*

[www.harpfestival.co.uk](http://www.harpfestival.co.uk)

## An Clàrsach aig a' Mhòd

Consairt  
Diluain 2mh Giblean @7f  
Sgoil Chaisteal Merchiston

Bidh sàr-sheinneadairean Wilma Cheannadach agus Seumas Greumach ann an consairt còmhla ri sàr-chluicheadairean Màiri NicLeòid agus Calum MacLeòid air an oidhche seo, 's iad a' comharrachadh an ceangail leanntainneach eadar a' Mhòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail agus an clàrsach airson 120 bliadhna a-nise. Bidh consairt eile den t-seòrsa seo ri fhaicinn aig Mòd na bliadhna seo ann an Dùn Ohain san Dàmhair. Airson ticeadan no tuilleadh fiosrachadh, tadhlaidh air:  
[www.harpfestival.co.uk](http://www.harpfestival.co.uk)

## *Concert – The Clàrsach at the Mod*

*Concert  
Monday 2nd April @ 7pm  
Merchiston Castle School*

*Accomplished Gaelic singers, Wilma Kennedy and James Graham will be in concert with accomplished harpists Mairi and Calum Macleod, celebrating the lengthy partnership between the Royal National Mod and the Clàrsach over the past 120 years. A second concert will take place at this year's Mod Dunoon in October.*

*For tickets or further information, please visit:  
[www.harpfestival.co.uk](http://www.harpfestival.co.uk)*

## Clasaichean Ulpan

Bidh Seumas Greumach a' gabhail clasaichean Ulpan gach latha tron Fhèis Chlàrsaich. Gheibhear tuilleadh fiosrachadh aig: [www.harpfestival.co.uk](http://www.harpfestival.co.uk)

## *Ulpan Classes*

*James Graham will be taking Ulpan classes each day throughout the Harp Festival. For further information visit: [www.harpfestival.co.uk](http://www.harpfestival.co.uk)*

## Comunn na Clàrsaich

Tha Comunn na Clàrsaich a' cumail 'Harpathon' agus bliadhna Geamanan Oilimpigeach 2012 a chomharrachadh. Tha sinn airson inbhe a' chlarsach a thogail agus airgead a thogail airson [Fèis Chlàrsaich Eadar-Nàiseanta Dhùn Èideann](http://www.harpfestival.co.uk) agus cathrannas [ParalympicsGB](http://www.paralympicsgb.org). Gheibhear tuilleadh fiosrachadh bho: Michelle Kelly, Rùnaire, Comunn na Clàrsaich, Tel 0131 554 0212  
Post-d [clarsach.society@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clarsach.society@hotmail.co.uk) no [www.clarsachsociety.co.uk](http://www.clarsachsociety.co.uk)

## *Comunn na Clàrsaich*

*The Clarsach Society is hosting a Harpathon to celebrate the year of the 2012 Olympic Games. The aim is to raise awareness of the clarsach and to generate funds for the [Edinburgh International Harp Festival](http://www.harpfestival.co.uk) and the [ParalympicsGB](http://www.paralympicsgb.org) charity. To find out more please contact: Michelle Kelly, Administrator, Comunn na Clàrsaich,  
Tel 0131 554 0212  
Email [clarsach.society@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clarsach.society@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.clarsachsociety.co.uk](http://www.clarsachsociety.co.uk)*

## Cinn Latha Mòdan ri tighinn

Mòd Dhùn Omhain - 12 - 20 Dàmhair 2012  
 Mòd Phàislig - 11 - 19 Dàmhair 2013  
 Mòd Inbhirnis - 10 - 18 Dàmhair 2014

## Future Royal National Mod Dates

*Dunoon - 12 - 20 October 2012  
 Paisley - 11 - 19 October 2013  
 Inverness - 10 - 18 October 2014*

## Ùrachadh Artaigilean a' Chompanaidh

Chaidh Coinneamh Shonraichte den Chomunn Ghaidhealach a chumail air Dihaoine 24mh den Ghearran an Inbhir Nis. Chaidh aontachadh ri ath-ùrachadh Artaigilean a' Chompanaidh aig a' choinneamh seo agus chithear iad le bruthadh air an ceangal gu h-ìosal. Moran taing dhan a h-uile duine a thainig chun choinneamh.

<http://www.acgmod.org/news/acgdetail/revised-articles-of-association/ga>

## Revised Articles of Association

*An Extradordinary General Meeting of An Comunn Gaidhealach took place on Friday 24th February in Inverness. The revised Articles of the Company were approved at this meeting and can be viewed by clicking on the link below. Many thanks to all who attended the meeting.*

<http://www.acgmod.org/news/acgdetail/revised-articles-of-association>

## Coinneamh Bhliadhnail Meur Lochabair

As-dèidh coinneamh fhosgailte de Mheur Loch Abair a chumail air Diluain 19mh Màirt, chaidh aontachadh gun tèid Coinneamh Bhliadhnail na meòir a chumail air Diciadain 28mh Màirt aig 6f ann am Bun-sgoil Chaitligeach a' Ghearasdain.

Thèid Comataidh ùr a stèidheachadh a nì cinnteach gu mair Mòd Ionadail Loch Abair agus le beachd ann a bhith a' cur a-steach tagradh airson Am Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail a chumail ann an Loch Abair ann an 2017.

Thathas a' cur fàilte air duine sam bith aig a bheil fìor ùidh is miann ann a bhith a' cumail suas cànan is cultar na Gàidhlig ann an Loch Abair.

Airson tuilleadh fiosrachaidh, cuiribh fios gu [james@ancomunn.co.uk](mailto:james@ancomunn.co.uk). Fòn: 01463 709705. Thathas an dòchas gum faic sinn ann sibh!

## Lochaber Branch AGM

*Following on from an open meeting of the Lochaber branch of An Comunn Gàidhealach at the Alexandra Hotel, Fort William on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, it has been decided that the branch will hold their AGM on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in Fort William RC Primary School.*

*A new committee will be established which will ensure the continuity of the local Provincial Mod and with a view to host the 2017 Royal National Mod which is to be held in the Highland region.*

*Anyone with an interest and commitment to keep the Gaelic language and culture thriving in Lochaber is urged to attend the meeting.*

*For further information, please contact [james@ancomunn.co.uk](mailto:james@ancomunn.co.uk). Tel: 01463 709705. We hope to see you there!*



## Rannsachadh air Mòd 2011

Chaidh aithisg-rannsachaidh a dhèanamh air Mòd nan Eilean Siar 2011. Seo feadhainn de na puingeann a chaidh a thogail.

- Tharraing am Mòd 7900 neach chun sgìre
- Chosg daoine £88.56 (ann an latha) agus £594.92 (a dh' fhuirich thairis air oidhche)
- Chaidh timcheall air £2.1 millean a chosg am-measg luchd-turais agus farpaisich.
- Chaidh mu 90% den airgead seo a chaitheamh sna h-Eileanan an Iar.
- Thuirtean còrr is 56% gun tilleadh iad gu na h-Eileanan airson saor-làithean.
- Bha buaidh mhòr aig a' Mhòd air co-dhùnadh 201 (17%) duine a Ghàidhlig ionnsachadh
- Bha buaidh mhòr aig a' Mhòd air co-dhùnadh 261 (30%) duine a tha an dràsta ag ionnsachadh a Ghàidhlig, a bhi ga h-ionnsachadh.
- Bha buaidh mhòr aig a' Mhòd air 316 (9%) neach a bha air sgur a chleachdadh a' Ghàidhlig a bhi ga bruidhinn a-rithist.

## Mòd 2011 Evaluation

*An evaluation was carried out during the 2011 Western Isles Mod. Below are some of the findings:*

- *7900 people were attracted to the Mod*
- *Spends per head of £88.56 (day) and £594.92 (overnight)*
- *Some £2.1 million on visitor and competitor expenditure.*
- *Over 90% of expenditure was in the Western Isles*
- *Over half (56%) would definitely return on a future leisure trip*
- *201 (17%) people who would like to learn the language said the Mod had a great influence on their desire to learn Gaelic.*
- *261 (30%) people who were currently learning to speak Gaelic stated that the Mod had a great influence on their desire to speak the language.*
- *316 (9%) of lapsed Gaelic learners stated that the Mod had a great influence on their desire to speak Gaelic.*

## Dè tha dol agaibh?

A bheil tachartasan no naidheachdan sam bith aig a' Chomataidh, Còisir no aig a' bhuidhean agaibh, a bhiodh sibh airson a chur dhan chuairt-litir seo?

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*Tha sinn air loidhne!*

*Tadhail oirnn aig:*

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## What's on?

*Does your Committee, Choir or Group have any coming events or any news you may wish for us to publish in this newsletter?*

*If so, please forward any information to:*

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Taing mhòr dhan a h-uile duine a chur fiosrachadh thugainn airson a chuairt-litir seo.

*Many thanks to all those who have contributed information for this newsletter.*