

# Drop-in for advice on community funded projects

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Groups looking for financial assistance with community projects are invited to attend a drop-in session with Orkney LEADER.

The drop-in session will be an opportunity for interested parties to discuss project ideas and get advice from the LEADER team at Orkney Islands Council. Currently, the programme is open for individuals or groups to submit an expression of interest form.

The LEADER programme is aimed at small scale, community driven and innovative projects that support both the local economy and Orkney communities.

Projects that show support for Orkney's tourism, cultural heritage, crafts, food and drink sectors will be considered. In addition, those that support community services and facilities, the natural environment and the development of sustainable energy will likely be suitable to progress to the full application stage.

Amy Esslemont, the Council's Development Officer for LEADER, said: "The drop-in sessions are to give individuals and community groups an opportunity to find out if their project ideas will be suitable for the funding.

"We want the drop-in session to be an opportunity for people to have an informal and face-to-face conversation with us about their project ideas. We will have displays and information leaflets for people to take home, and hopefully it will give folk a clear idea as to whether LEADER could be a source of funding for their project."

The drop-in session will take place in the Warehouse Buildings, Stromness, on Thursday, 3 December from 3pm to 6:30pm.

For more information visit the [Orkney LEADER](#) website or check the Orkney LEADER Facebook page for regular updates. You can also contact the LEADER team direct at Orkney Islands Council on 01856 873535 ext 2811.

For videos and case studies from the LEADER 2007 – 2013 programme, visit this [website](#).