

Outer Hebrides Wildlife Festival Event Host Information Pack



We're excited to welcome everyone to be part of this year's Outer Hebrides Wildlife Festival – a celebration of our unique wildlife and landscapes! Whether you're a nature enthusiast, a local expert, or simply excited to share your knowledge with others, hosting an event gives you a chance to be part of something special. Ready to bring your passion for nature to the community? Let's make it happen!

Why a Wildlife Festival?

Our aim is to offer engaging, family-friendly activities that invite you to discover the incredible nature and wildlife right here in the Outer Hebrides. Research shows that spending time in nature benefits both mental and physical health, so we're hoping lots of people will join in to connect with the local environment, learn something new, enjoy the outdoors, or bring the outdoors in!

Looking Back at Last Year's Highlights

Last year's festival was packed with activities that brought our community closer to nature. Guided wildlife walks, boat trips, snorkel, surf and SUP safaris, wildlife themed arts and crafts events, and interactive workshops were led by wildlife experts, local businesses, charities and artists.

Looking forward to 2026

This year, we're looking forward to even more fun and meaningful activities that bring people closer to the natural wonders of the Outer Hebrides. Whether it's through guided walks, interactive workshops, or getting creative, our goal is to provide an unforgettable experience that leaves everyone inspired to care for our environment. Come along and be part of this celebration!



Why Host an Event?

- **Be Part of Something:** Bring positivity and inspiration to your community.
- **Share Local Identity:** Showcase local wildlife and inspire others to care about conservation.
- **Try New Things:** Innovate, collaborate, and explore new ideas!
- **Expand Your Reach:** Gain visibility for your group or business within our supportive community.
- **Ticketing Flexibility:** You choose whether to charge for tickets or keep it free, and you keep the proceeds!

Who Can Host?

Anyone in the Outer Hebrides—individuals, groups, businesses, or organisations. We're looking for a mix of events, from nature hikes to creative arts, workshops, talks, and more. If it celebrates or deepens our connection to nature, it belongs here!

What Makes a Great Event?

- **Entice:** Be creative and unique. Host in unusual places, explore nature at night, or bring fresh perspectives to familiar landscapes.
- **Engage:** Make it memorable and meaningful. Encourage participation or storytelling that connects people with nature.
- **Exit with Impact:** Wrap up with something memorable and suggest more festival events to check out. Leave people excited for what's next!

Festival Key Dates

- Event Registration Opens: 17th February
- Registration Closes: 6th April
- Festival Dates: 20th-27th June 2026 (with a **Fringe Festival** running throughout July)

Need Help?

Questions? Need inspiration? Our Festival Coordinator, Sharon, is here to help you.

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Join us in
making this
festival unforgettable
– where nature,
community, and
creativity come
together!



FAQs

How much does it cost to register?

It's free! Submit your event, and we'll promote it widely.

Can I charge for my event?

Yes! Set your price and keep all the proceeds.

What are the requirements?

- **Safety:** Submit an event risk assessment.
- **GDPR Compliance:** Ensure privacy in participant data.
- **Insurance:** Public liability insurance is recommended.

How to Register

- Express Interest: **Submit an online form.**
- Confirmation: Once reviewed, you'll receive a confirmation email.
- Finalise Details: We'll ask you for any last details, then get your event added to our online programme.