



## Weekend festival 'ROCK PAPER CHISELS'

A celebration of Luing's past and future  
as a Slate Island

Friday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

*Rock Paper Chisels* celebrates Luing's past - its geology, history and archaeology – and looks towards the future. Supported by Historic Environment Scotland, the Isle of Luing is opening a new chapter in its history. Sixty years after the last slate quarry closed at Cullipool, plans are afoot to restart the production of roofing slates as a community business, creating jobs and helping to revive the island economy.

The weekend festival is for people of all ages interested in archaeology, history, geology, crafts and music. Starting on Friday afternoon and ending on Sunday afternoon, the festival includes:

- Walks, talks and visits, and boat trips round Luing. See, experience and learn about the island's history, including hill-top forts, Medieval boat graffiti and stunning slate quarries.
- Join in craft workshops – 'painting on slate' and 'crafting with stone' for adults and children. Compete to make the tallest and most beautiful stone spire.
- Hear about recent archaeological discoveries and explorations of Luing's history, as well as island plans for the future, including re-opening a slate quarry, tackling coastal erosion and attracting more young people to live on the island.
- Listen to stories by award-winning Scottish writer James Robertson and enjoy song and music from local musicians on Saturday night.
- Enjoy 'Taste of Luing' food from sea and land in the Atlantic Islands Centre – great home-baking during the day, special Festival meals in the evenings.

The outline **events programme** is overleaf.

Advance booking and payment are needed for the boat trips and for the Friday and Saturday evening meals. All other events are turn up on the day and pay at the door.

If you're interested in participating send an email to [slate.luing@btinternet.com](mailto:slate.luing@btinternet.com) and we'll keep you informed about the final programme and how to book. For information on local accommodation go to <https://isleofluing.org/where-stay>

*Rock Paper Chisels* is organised by Luing History Group and the Isle of Luing Community Trust, with funding from Historic Environment Scotland and Scotland Book Trust's Live Literature.

The weekend festival is part of Scottish Archaeology Month and the Scottish Geology Festival.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Time	Theme	Activity
Friday afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Slate and Stac</li> <li>* Geology and Heritage</li> <li>* Painting on Slate</li> <li>* Carving on Stone</li> </ul>	<i>Guided walk</i> <i>Car safari to accessible sites</i> <i>Drop-in art sessions for children and adults</i> <i>Visit to Kilchattan church and boat graffiti</i>
Friday evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Taste of Luig from the Sea</li> <li>* Uncovering Luig's archaeology and history</li> <li>* Bar open</li> </ul>	<i>Festival dinner – a seafood and vegan feast</i> <i>Illustrated talks on recent surveys and discoveries</i>
Saturday morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Luig from the Sea</li> <li>* Rock Crafts</li> <li>* Cullipool Quarry: Past and Future</li> </ul>	<i>Boat trip round Luig and Torsa</i> <i>Drop-in craft sessions for children and adults</i> <i>Guided visit to important geological site and new slate quarry site</i>
Saturday afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Disappearing Stone</li> <li>* Making roofing slates</li> <li>* Crafting with Stone</li> <li>* Building in Stone</li> </ul>	<i>Guided visit along Cullipool shore</i> <i>Demonstration of traditional slate-making</i> <i>Craft-sessions for children and adults</i> <i>Guided walk to prehistoric hill forts and cairn</i>
Saturday evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Taste of Luig Buffet</li> <li>* Songs and Stories of Slate and Stone</li> <li>* Bar Night</li> </ul>	<i>Delicious island food including Luig beef</i> <i>An evening of short story readings by James Robertson, Gaelic and Scots songs, and island musicians</i>
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Luig from the Sea</li> <li>* Stone Wall</li> <li>* Slate Spires competition</li> <li>* Taste of Luig Brunch and Lunch</li> </ul>	<i>Boat trip round Luig and Torsa</i> <i>Visit and talk to the Geology Wall</i> <i>Build the tallest and most beautiful spire – prizes to be won</i>

Full details of the programme including event prices will be available shortly. Send an email to [slate.luig@btinternet.com](mailto:slate.luig@btinternet.com) to receive further information including how to book.