



**Cairngorms**  
NATIONAL PARK

# Bealach...

making connections in the Cairngorms  
A Landscape Partnership Project

# The Context

## The National Park Plan

The Cairngorms National Park Plan is the culmination of an intensive and extensive consultation process involving all those with an interest in the future of the Park.

The Plan contains an agreed vision and aims for a 25 year period to 2030 and sets out seven Priorities for Action over the next five years:

- Conserving and enhancing biodiversity and landscapes
- Integrating public support for land management
- Supporting sustainable deer management
- Providing high quality opportunities for outdoor access
- Making tourism and businesses more sustainable
- Raising awareness and understanding of the Park
- Making housing affordable and sustainable

## Landscape Partnership Project (LPP)

The Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Landscape Partnership Programme is an ideal mechanism through which to deliver key actions within the above Priorities. The Landscape Partnerships initiative allows partnerships representing a range of heritage and community interests to tackle the needs of an identified landscape whose various elements may be in different ownership.

There are four main objectives of the HLF Landscape Partnership Programme:

### *Landscape conservation*

Conserving or restoring the built and natural features that create the character of the Cairngorms

### *Celebrating culture*

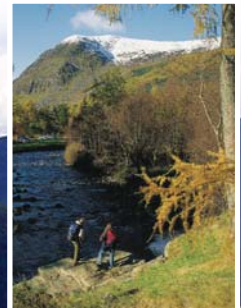
Conserving and celebrating the cultural associations and activities of the area

### *Education and enjoyment*

Encouraging more people to access, learn about, become involved in and take decisions on their landscape heritage

### *Heritage skills*

Improving understanding of local craft and other skills by providing training opportunities



# The Project

## Purpose

The theme of the Cairngorms Landscape Partnership Project is about **Making Connections**. The project name '**Bealach**' can mean the Gaelic for 'connection' - connection of landscapes to each other, connection of people to the landscape, connection of people to each other, and connection of this landscape to our world.

## Area

Although the area of the LPP is the boundary of the National Park, projects which straddle the Park boundary will be considered or where it is felt that the project impact is significant on the landscape feature of the Park itself.

## Value

The maximum grant from the HLF is £2M and we will be seeking to at least double the grant award through match funding from applicants and partners.

# Project Process

## Partners

We will meet with all organisations who may have an interest in either contributing to the Landscape Partnership Project or in providing projects.

## Ideas

We will collect from those partners a range of project proposals which satisfy the purposes of 'Bealach'.

## Development

From this pool of projects a project portfolio will be compiled which meets the requirements of the applicant, the Heritage Lottery Fund, and project sponsors.

## Project submission

The 'Stage 1' application will be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 1 October 2007. This will set out in general terms the outcomes, costs, partners, and overall timeframe of the proposed LPP.

## Timeframe

The timetable for the Landscape Partnership Project is as follows:

**2 March 2007**

**CNPA board approves LPP process in principle**

**End March**

**'Expression of interest' approved by HLF**

**April**

**Call for projects**

**July**

**Project portfolio established**

**September**

**Final partner approvals**

**1 Oct 2007**

**Submit Stage 1 application**

If the Stage 1 bid is successful the Heritage Lottery Fund will invite us to submit a more detailed Stage 2 application by March 2008 with a possible project start date early in 2009.



## Partner Benefits

As well as being an exciting and high profile way to deliver some of the key actions in the new National Park Plan, the Landscape Partnership Project will benefit potential partners in many ways:

- Delivering organisational objectives;
- Working in partnership to co-ordinate an approach and make best use of resources;
- Deliver some of the main actions within the new Scottish Rural Development Programme;
- Leverage funds to add value to local monies;
- Demonstrate the benefits of working in collaboration;
- Actively focus effort and funding towards reducing and mitigating the effects of climate change;
- Involving the Cairngorms National Park community in a practical way;
- Develop networks and skills within the local communities of the National Park;
- Opening the doors to many opportunities currently restricted by lack of funding, and
- Leaving a heritage conservation legacy for the Cairngorms National Park.

Further advice and information

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