

Cairngorms Cultural Heritage Networking Event

13 October 2026, Boat of Garten Community Hall

Programme

9.30	Registration Desk Opens.
9.30-10.00	Registration, networking over tea, coffee and pastries
10.00-10.15	Welcome and setting the scene Eilidh Todd , Cairngorms National Park Authority. Introducing our host for the day, Sarah Wylie . Sarah is known locally as a familiar voice on Speysound Radio and wider too through her much-loved podcast Sarah Wylie In Conversation.
10.15-10.45	The hidden map of place-names: using Gaelic toponyms to trace the ecological past, Dr Gemma Smith Gemma is an itinerant writer and researcher who currently lives between the Scottish Highlands and Morocco with a passion for sharing the connection between Gaelic place names and the landscape and what it can tell us about how people inhabited the land and managed their natural resources.
10.50-11.05	Cairngorms Trust and Cairngorms National Park Authority funding opportunities Bridget Trussell , Community Grants Manager, Cairngorms National Park Authority Rachel Dominy , Manager, Cairngorms Trust
11.10-11.30	Tea / coffee break and networking
11.30-12.00	Project case studies - podcast style! Dan Cottom from Grantown Museum and Fiona Hunter from Braemar Local History Group share their experiences with Sarah of applying for funding and delivering cultural heritage projects.
12:00-12:15	Funding Q&A
12:20-12:40	Rosie Black , Community Development Officer, Historic Environment Scotland.

Rosie shares with us the work of Historic Environment Scotland in the Cairngorms and the support they offer to cultural heritage practitioners.

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| 12.40-13.40 | NETWORKING LUNCH
With opportunity to chat with funders |
| 13.40-14.00 | Catriona Hawksworth, (Traditional Arts Officer, Creative Scotland) Intangible Cultural Heritage Scotland Partnership
Opportunity to find out about support and networking opportunities for anyone with an interest in intangible/living heritage. |
| 14.00-15.00 | Facilitated discussion about the draft National Park Partnership Plan and how to participate in the consultation |
| 15.00-15.10 | Comfort break |
| 15.10-15.30 | Badenoch Waulking Group demonstration – with opportunity to give it a go! |
| 15.30-15.40 | Closing remarks
Brenna Jessie, Head of Communications and Engagement, Cairngorms National Park Authority |
| 15.40-16.00 | Farewell and opportunity for catch ups before departing |