



*"Children and staff alike, from many different backgrounds and countries, return home from their time in the Abbey with their horizons extended, their lives enriched, new friendships made, their commitment strengthened: long may this continue!"*

Rev'd Norman Shanks — former leader of the Iona Community

*"In a world where Madeleine I'Angie lamented, "Christianity have given Christianity a bad name", the Iona Community presents a positive witness to biblically-rooted, socially progressive faith. We are delighted to help strengthen that witness by supporting the renewal of the Community's island presence, furthering its outreach."*

Carol Myers (USA)

Your donations are vital to the success of the planned works. We welcome individual donations or would be delighted to discuss contributions towards specific elements of the development.

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# IONA CALLING

Transforming lives to change the world



## The Iona Community Capital Appeal

*for refurbishment works at Iona Abbey*

The History



## The Capital Appeal

Generations of people have been touched by the varied and vital work of the Iona Community – work we want to ensure continues to be a reality and not history. This is especially true of our presence in the Abbey on Iona.

As a proactive and forward-thinking organisation, we have been evaluating and re-assessing what we offer to our guests and staff. Wide consultation and guest feedback have identified key issues about the building's accessibility, flexibility and sustainability. These must be addressed in the next five years if the Abbey is to remain fit for purpose.

In partnership with Historic Environment Scotland and the Iona Cathedral Trust, we will ensure that active use of this iconic building, for its original purpose, is safeguarded for the future.

“Iona is “a safe space, where the labels that usually define us can come off, and we can meet each other simply as human beings, in all our potential and our vulnerability.”  
Rev'd John Harvey – former Leader of the Iona Community

The Project



The Need



## The Project

The key areas of work required to welcome people of all physical abilities are:

- new level access and doors.
- installation of a lift to the first-floor accommodation.
- reconfiguration of the refectory to create an inviting and accessible communal space.
- improved kitchen and service facilities.
- provision of new toilets and showers.
- reconfiguration of bedrooms for single or twin occupancy.
- enhanced lighting and design in corridors to allow access and mobility.
- improved insulation and installation of a new heating system.

These improvements will enable the Iona Community to provide facilities which match our hospitality. They will also enable us to extend the guest season, to welcome more people and to improve financial sustainability across the organisation.

The rebuilding of the Abbey captured the hearts and minds of a previous generation. To keep alive their legacy we must invest in the future. We invite you to be part of this challenging venture.

The costs involved in this project are in the region of **£2.5 million** and we need your assistance. There are many ways for you to be involved and help in raising these vital funds.

The People

