

Scottish Centre for Geopoetics

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Dear all

You are cordially invited to attend our **Islands Weekend on the Isle of Luing from Friday 6 – Sunday 8 May 2005** which is being organised in conjunction with *island* magazine. As you will see from our programme this is a unique opportunity to experience and enjoy island life, and learn about the geological, geographical and historical influences on it from islanders themselves.

Our visit has created considerable interest among the people of Luing who are also providing a photographic display and a Saturday evening buffet for us, and are participating in our ceilidh. We have booked accommodation for twenty people for the evenings of Friday 6 and Saturday 7 May and participants should aim to arrive no later than the 9pm ferry on Friday 6 May. The journey takes approx. 2.5 hours by car from Glasgow and 3.5 hours from Edinburgh. The website www.isleofluing.co.uk contains photographs and full information about the island, ferry times, caravans, wildlife etc.

The cost of the weekend, including accommodation in fully equipped cottages and caravans, all events, buffet and ceilidh, excluding transport which we will arrange to share, is **only £35**. Where else could you obtain such a bargain? Because we need to pay deposits on accommodation and the full amount by 24 March 2005, we urgently require everyone who wishes to attend to send me a cheque for **£10 deposit** made out to the Scottish Centre for Geopoetics **no later than Saturday 26 February, and the balance of £25 by 18 March**. Please make every effort to do so since it would be a great disappointment to all concerned if we have to cancel this event because of lack of commitment from our members after so much work has been put into making these arrangements. Volunteers to lead the writing and visual arts workshops are also urgently needed.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to enjoy an island weekend. I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

Norman Bissell
director

Islands Weekend

Scottish Centre for Geopoetics and island magazine
Isle of Luing, Argyll
Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 May 2005

Saturday 7 May Photographic display by Luing History Group____
in Cullipool Hall

9.30 am **Registration** in Cullipool Hall

9.45 am **The Geology of Luing and the Lorn area:** Alastair Fleming
a talk and field study of geological features on the west coast.

11.15 am **Tea, coffee, biscuits**

11.30 am Atlantic Poetics: Norman Bissell
A talk and discussion about the influence of the Atlantic Ocean
on Luing and the Lorn area: currents, weather systems,
travellers, Celtic monks, life and work.

12.45 pm **Lunch**, bring your own

2 pm **Workshop 1:** 'writing the island'
writing about Luing in poems and prose or
Workshop 2: 'seeing the island'
sketching, photographing, and slate sculptures

4 pm **Free time** to explore the island further

6 pm **Buffet** provided by Luing Social Committee

8 pm **Ceilidh:** dancing, poetry and song, bring your own wine

Sunday 8 May

11 am Continuation and review of Workshops 1 and 2

12.15 pm **Island magazine:** Julie Johnstone, editor, talk and discussion

1.15 pm **Lunch**, bring your own

2.15 pm Luing Past and Future: talks by Luing History Group about agriculture, slate,
the Garvellachs, lighthouses and the Latvian connection, and discussion about
the future of the island.

4.15 pm **Farewell** till next we meet