

MICT: 2018 Newsletter for Children, by Children

What do MICT do? I hear you ask...



Well they do lots of things;
Like the MESS shop,
electric cars, Garmony
Hydroelectric, support Ulva
housing and development of
land use; also, Ardura
forest. You can hire offices
and storage containers.

They give money raised to
local groups: Otter group;
bird watchers; wood
turners; pipe band;
children's play areas;
musical minds; schools and
many more.

They employ
25 people and
have 150
volunteers.

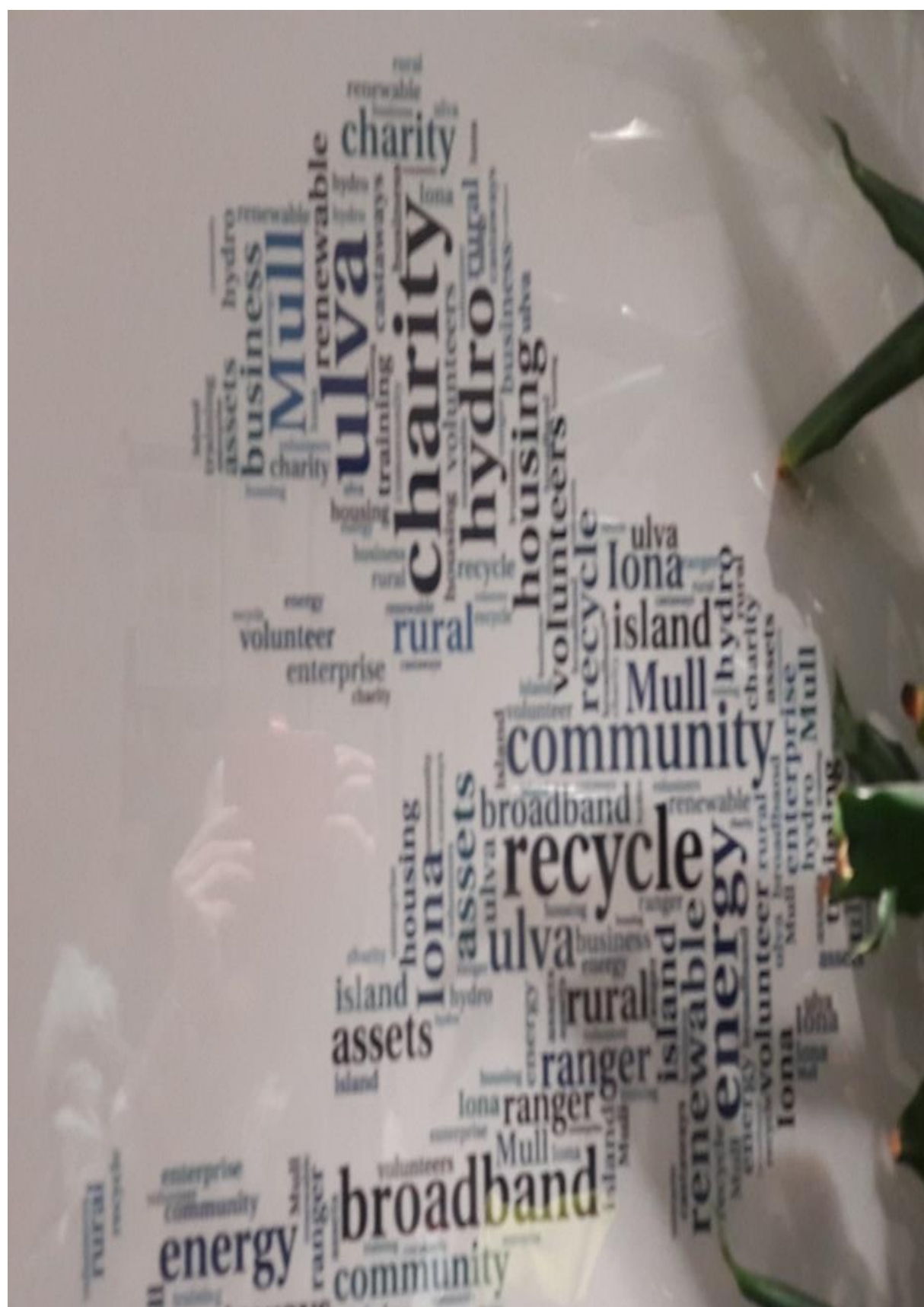
MICT is based on the Isle of
Mull at An Roth in Craignure.
MICT stands for Mull and
Iona Community Trust.

They help our island community thrive by
sourcing available funding. MICT is a locally
based organisation to help a community and
any isolation problems. MICT is open to
everyone on Mull and Iona.

They help the community
stay clean and reuse our
resources by running a
recycling project.

We think it is important to share the work of MICT with island children because MICT is good and they can make things happen on our island. They are important to the future of Mull which keeps our island thriving creates jobs for the island and supports a good quality of life.

By Lochdonhead Primary School Pupils



Mally the MICT Cleaner

The best part of my job is meeting new people.

Mally has had her job at MICT for over 3 years.

I like working on the steering group with Sian.

I don't like cleaning toilets.

I don't have help with my job.



I start work at 4pm and end work at 7 pm.

My job is good because it means that MICT is tidy.

I clean the MESS shop and offices every day.

I have to be trustworthy to be a cleaner at MICT

By Lucy P4



Meet
Sian...



What is the hardest part of your job?

Not having enough time.

I WENT TO MICT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BEING A
RECYCLING MANAGER

I ASKED SIAN QUESTIONS...

Do you think I would like your job?

Yes, because it's important and you
like to recycle.

So far the project has
helped recycle 77 tonnes
of materials! (Plastics,
electricals, cans, card,
glass, paper and clothes)
So I am safe!

WHAT DID YOU DO
BEFORE YOU JOINED
MICT?

I WORKED
FOR CENTRICA



What's the best part of your job?
Talking and listening to people in Mull.

What message would you give to children of Mull about MICT?
We would like you to get involved.

What skills do you need to be the Recycling manager?

Know a little science and you use a lot of talking and listening skills.

What project are you currently working on?

Recycling and upcycling.

How many things do you think you've recycled?

So far we have recycled 77 tonnes of materials (plastic, electricals, cans, card, glass, paper and clothes) and helped divert it from landfills and 61 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions have been avoided.

Jamie P7

Lochdonhead Houses

There will be 14 houses that will differ in size that you can rent or buy.

West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) are building the houses. It is hoped that they will start working at Easter and then finish by December 2018.

MICT are a very big part of the Lochdonhead house build, they are supporting WHHA. MICT also made a leaflet and sent it all over the island so if anyone wants a house they could contact MICT and once they had all the house requests they would send them to WHHA so that they would realise that people were waiting for houses and would then know that there was a need in the area.

We hope that there will be some new pupils for our Primary School who can learn on the nature trail, the beach and in the forest as well as in our own school grounds with its own science laboratory.

Moray Finch who is the boss at MICT is on the housing committee so if this article does not give you enough information about the houses then you can ask him.

By Ella P7



Ulva Ferry Community Bus



- MICT have helped support an Ulva Ferry Community bus service which is available to any local residents to hire on Mull.
- The Bus runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- You have to book by 4pm and children can travel free.
- To book a bus or find out more ask a parent to call or text: 07775 531 301 or email info@ufcb.org.uk website: www.ufcb.org.uk or find them on Facebook.
- Having a community bus means that if you don't have a car that works or you want to travel with the school, or you can't drive, or you just need a lift somewhere then you can use the bus. This helps people get out to do work and visit places. By Lucy P4

The reason Moray started to work at M.I.C.T was because he wanted to help the community.

**The
Boss**

Moray Finch

**General
Manager**

Moray works,
Monday-Friday, 7 ½
hours a day



If MICT are able to support the buying of Ardura forest it will be one year until there will be a forest schools open.

The most environmentally friendly thing Moray has done is to be involved with The Garmony Hydro scheme, where water power creates electricity

Moray drives from Calgary and makes some phone calls on his way to work.

When he arrives he has a cup of tea then he goes into a meeting. When he's finished he goes into another meeting about fundraising, then he thinks about new projects and writes emails

Moray's job involves helping people, finance and politics.

He finds the worst thing about his job is the arguments

The skills you need to have to be a general manager are to be able to listen well, to speak nicely and diplomatically. You need to be a good problem solver and know how to use social media.

By Grace

P7

Purchase of Ardura Forest

MICT are deciding whether to buy the 200 hectare Ardura Forest. The Gaelic name for the forest is Doire a' chuilinn which translated means "The Grove of the Holly." They plan to possibly restore the old road which runs nearly 2 miles to a multi-use path as well as creating other woodland walks. We were invited to their open day consultation event to see the ideas and share our thoughts. They hope that it will make money for them, for our island and also benefit the community by having lots of activities to do and maybe a Forest School.



By Jamie

Island Castaway

What happens to clothing donations?



There are big recycling bins outside MESS in Craignure and Bunessan and if you put your unused clothes in them they will be recycled. If you have any clothes with paint or oil on it don't put it in the recycling bin because it will go in the rubbish bin. They also empty the council clothing banks in Fionnphort, Baliscate and Glengorm. Their MESS van driver empties all the clothing banks regularly and brings the clothes back and sorts them out outside the MESS shop in Craignure. It helps our island because it's recycling, it gives people in need clothes, instead of them going to land-fill.

By Grace P7

Hazel Cowe

The weirdest thing that people have handed in is false teeth.



What is the worst thing about your job?

The feeling that you never get anything done.

MESS project manager

No two days are the same. I don't get bored and I meet so many new lovely people.

I started working for MICT in December 2006.

How would you improve your job? More people to help

Before I worked for MICT I worked various jobs such as gardening and I worked for a card publishing company.

Do you work all day? Yes. I work 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.

We try to recycle as much as possible. We are hoping to get a new building with facilities to up cycle items, for example paints for scruffy old furniture to make it desirable

Jenny
Textile Processor

I went to MICT to ask Jenny some questions and this is what she told me...

I started working for MICT 5 years ago.

When Hazel is not here I am in charge of checking the money count for the day and I am also in charge of customer management.

I wanted to be a part of MICT because when I first applied for the job as a MESS shop worker the hours were perfect for me and even though the hours have gone up I still love my job.

My job involves sorting through donations, hanging and steaming clothes and I also help the volunteers to do their jobs and I make them some tea or coffee

My least favourite part of my job is receiving things I can't sell.

My favourite part of my job is making teas and coffee for the volunteers.

By Ella P7



Garmony Hydro Visit



We went to Garmony Hydro and learned about using water as a renewable energy source. The force of the water flowing through a pipe, that powers the generator, can produce enough electricity for 120 houses. The depth of the water is one metre.


The water spins a turbine seven hundred and fifty times per minute and they need a hole in the dam so animals can go through.

When we were in the generator room Moray told us that if you take the pipe away, which puts the water into the generator, the generator would go flying out of the building because of the pressure. MICT sell their electricity to the National Grid and use the profits to help the community.



By Grace, Ella, Harry, Jamie and Lucy P4-7

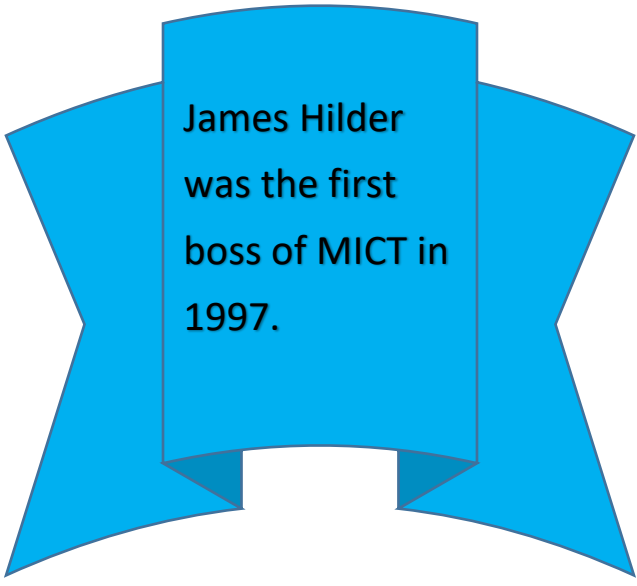
Things You Probably Did Not Know About MICT



MICT started in
James Hilder's
bedroom.




MESS was
a swap
shop.



James Hilder
was the first
boss of MICT in
1997.



When Moray
first started
MICT was
above the
bank in
Tobermory.



We hope that you
enjoyed our child friendly
MICT Newsletter...