



COMANN EACHDRAIDH SGÌRE A' BHAC

DISTRICT SOCIAL HISTORY PROJECT

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With every new year that passes, we are quick to comment about how fast time has flown by. Every day traditions become a distant memory. Old customs make way for new developments. Many of us don't think of the last century as history because we have lived a great part of it. Yet the 20th century and early 21st century has seen enormous changes and was witness to many cultural and societal changes that are at risk of disappearing from our collective memory.

Comann Eachdraidh Sgìre a' Bhac are seeking to gather and preserve the history of our district, as remembered by both young and old. We want to collect the memories and experiences of Back over the last 100 years. Personal accounts have an immediacy and credibility, often lost in historical accounts. Everyone's story is valuable.

The intention of this form is to inspire you to think about your life growing up and living in Back. Use the questions to guide you by filling in one box, some of the boxes or all of the boxes! Alternatively, feel free to ignore this form altogether and write your thoughts down in a blank document! When you're done, simply email us your memories or send it to us via post.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Return completed forms to:

EMAIL: cebac@sealgar.org.uk

MAIL: CEBAC – Social History Project, 6 Ripley Place, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2LP

Please complete the boxes that are relevant to you, with as little or as much information as you wish. All of it is important! If you are completing a written copy and don't have enough space, please continue on a separate sheet.

PERSONAL

HOME LIFE

Describe your early home life e.g. place and date of birth, family life (number in family etc), living conditions

PAST TIMES AND HOBBIES

Describe how you spent your spare time when you were younger (Fishing, crofting, choir, sports etc).

SCHOOL

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Describe your primary school days e.g. who were your teachers, what did a normal school day look like (games you played, trends you remember that were popular), what were lessons like, what extra-curricular activities did you do?

Don't forget to include your feelings about school – positive or negative!

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Describe your secondary school days e.g. who were your teachers, what did a normal school day look like (trends you remember that were popular), what were lessons like, what extra-curricular activities did you do?

AFTER SCHOOL

Describe what you did after school (University, college, work, travelling, gap year etc?)

COMMUNITY

RELIGION

Describe your experience of religion in Back. Were you a church goer? Can you describe special events e.g. Communion season.

SOCIAL

Describe your experience of special events in the community. We are especially interested to hear about wedding and funeral traditions. Do you remember attending a banais-taighe or a taigh-fhaire? What were the customs regarding these significant community events?

COMMUNITY LIFE

Describe your experience of living in Back and interacting with the wider community e.g. who were your neighbours, special events in the community, impact of events (e.g. War) on the community

TECHNOLOGY

Describe your experience of technology. Can you remember when you got your first TV? Phone? Washing machine? How has technology changed over the course of the last few decades?

Use this box to share any other memories you have e.g. stories, anecdotes, myths, legends etc



Thank you so much for your contribution to this project! Every memory you have shared will help form part of a precious legacy that we can pass onto future generations.

If you would like to keep up to date with what the latest news from the Comann Eachdraidh please complete this form and return it to the address below, including your email address where possible. We can then let you know about any future events and send you newsletters and other information.

Membership is free, open to all, and Comann Eachdraidh Sgìre a' Bhac welcomes members from anywhere in the world. The Committee meets monthly, usually every first Tuesday of the month.

Your Details

Title:

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

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Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

Age Group: Under 18 18-34

35-54 55-74 75+

Data Protection

Comann Eachdraidh Sgìre a' Bhac undertakes to collect and use your personal data in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We will use the data for the administration of your membership, the communication of information and the organisation of events. This information will be recorded in our membership database, which is stored online in compliance with the GDPR. More information about how we look after your data can be found in our Data Protection Policy.

I consent to the use of my personal data as set out in Comann Eachdraidh Sgìre a' Bhac's privacy notices.

Please return membership form to: M A Graham, 6 Ripley Place, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2LP or email: mdavi74979@aol.com