



Radio Skye is the local radio station for Skye and Lochalsh. We consist of over 20 volunteers, a full-time station manager, cultural journalist and funded posts for our YouthSPACE training programme for 12 – 24 year olds and a one year funded post for a youth studio assistant. It's grown over the last six years and completed a full rebrand and station name change from Cuillin FM to Radio Skye in 2020. It has an outside broadcasting van, two studios and two accommodation pods, installed to sustain the stations core costs and staff wages.

The station is part of the fabric of the community and is played in local shops, championed by local establishments, you'll hear it in the local taxis and in homes and places of work all over the island and the west coast of Lochalsh. It's been a long and at sometimes difficult journey to transform the station in to what it is now, fully integrated into the life of our community.





TUNE IN

Local news
Weather & Traffic
Culture
Sports commentary
Events Coverage
and great music!

Our staff and volunteers are immensely proud of being part of the station and we see ourselves as being the local voice for the community, giving a voice to those who are unable to speak up, company to the isolated, particularly so in a remote rural environment, championing local causes, providing up to date news, entertainment and fun through the medium of radio. We go out of our way to make radio accessible, exciting, full of energy and for the people by the people.

Our demographic is diverse and so are the topics we cover on radio, but always local and we believe it's that hyper local approach that gives us the support we need from the community to keep going in a world where social media and online content can attempt to dominate. The Highlands and Islands differ in culture from the rest of Scotland, its vastness and remoteness can be ignored as a playground for tourists, but real issues exist here and we are at the forefront of covering those stories that don't get a look in elsewhere.



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TRAINING IN

Presenting
Editing
Production
Voice Over
Broadcasting
Sound Engineering
Social Media Handling
Film & Media



YouthSPACE

The radio station is a training facility for young people, partnering with Skye Youth development, youth clubs, local schools and colleges providing mentoring and training to groups and individuals. These opportunities are not available anywhere else in Highland and we are extremely proud of our youth project that supports young people to find their voice and talk about the issues that matter to them.



Sport in Skye

We have a dedicated outside broadcasting team for our shinty coverage Camanachd Live which you will hear Drew and Willie Macdonald in our submission. Shinty is our ancient game and we cover it every Saturday on Radio Skye. There are four men's teams in the area, a women's league and youth teams. It's a show that many people listen to pitch side to add enjoyment to watching the game. Our commentators are past playing and have an excellent understanding of the game and the local players.

Through the Rapha Report, we have a team of three presenters who bring all the latest news on the West Highland Amateur football league and Sam who is our youngest presenter at 17 and funded studio assistant regularly does the Friday sports preview for the weekend. The show brings in players and coaches from across the area to join the team and discuss all the latest drama, results and previews of the game, it also includes feature interviews with past coaches talking about their life in the local football league.



A huge range of music shows

We have an excellent selection of music shows including Sam Hinks Cross over Country, James Martin with Just Winging It, a lovely music shows which great knowledge and fun features.

James Hunter aka The Fly Fifer who you will hear interviewing Ayla who talks about advice to parents with trans children, his show focuses on more challenging issues with members of our community. In the submission we feature indie show host Paul Rees who previously was the Editors in Chief at Q Magazine, his knowledge of the indie scene is excellent.

Trad music and locally produced music is always championed on Radio Skye, you will hear our journalist Adam Gordon speak with Runrig legend Donnie Martin about his time as lead singer of the band, who is a huge supporter of Radio Skye.



THE HOME OF Radio Skye's Christmas Toy Appeal



Radio Skye' Cram the Van Christmas Toy Appeal // Supporting families across Skye and Lochalsh during the festive season.

'I'm absolutely behind Cram the Van Christmas Toy Appeal, in a year when families are struggling with the cost of living crisis, this is an opportunity to gift brand new toys to children. It's a great appeal, but this year in particular, it might be more important than ever.

MSP Kate Forbes

Radio Skye' Cram the Van Christmas Toy Appeal had a huge boost in October with its 48 Hour Live donation drive raising £6600 for this year's appeal. The toy appeal has now launched with a record number of places to drop toys off from Lochcarron to Uig. The team delivered big red toy bins across the listening area and people will have until Sunday the 8th of December to drop off brand new toys that will be distributed to families in time for Christmas.

The appeal which works directly with partner organisations such as Highland Council Childrens services, Childrens health teams, Skye & Lochalsh Citizens Advice Bureau, Skye & Lochalsh Young Carers and schools is completely confidential and is designed to help families prepare for Christmas in a supportive and dignified way. Radio Skye only gets a list of ages and genders; the gifts are then collected by the agencies for delivery a week before Christmas. This means that families can wrap the gifts to give to their children without the worry about the cost.

Last year the station supplied presents and gift vouchers to over 250 young people, the biggest year yet and the station expect similar numbers this year. The campaign supports all age groups from babies and teenagers up to 19 years of age. Money raised is used to buy extra gifts for infants and gift vouchers for the teenage age group, this gives families options to either buy gifts with the voucher or give the voucher for their children to choose their own presents.

The campaign which was launched over 11 years ago now was initiated to support families who struggle to afford Christmas in the local area. Over the last few years with the cost-of-living crisis, many families have reached breaking point and simply can't afford the ever-increasing cost of Christmas.