**North West Mull Community Woodland Company**

**Expression of Interest (EOI) Application Form**

**to Lease or Use a Community Asset**

Please return this form to [admin@nwmullwoodland.co.uk](mailto:admin@nwmullwoodland.co.uk)

## About the Charity and its mission

NWMCWC was set up by the local community in 2006 to purchase and manage the Langamull and West Ardhu forests in North West Mull. To date, NWMCWC have created a 16.5km haul route to bring landlocked timber to market, built a 95kw micro hydro scheme, created 9 Forest Crofts and set up Island Woodfuels, producing all the island’s woodchip and running a firewood business.

In 2018, NWMCWC was successful in a community right-to-buy of the Isle of Ulva.

NWMCWC aims to build a sustainable and vibrant community on Ulva by providing secure tenure, improving housing, infrastructure, and economic opportunities, and preserving the island’s cultural and natural heritage. The charity intends to grow the island's population and ensure its long-term prosperity for future generations.

Please visit [Ulva - NWMCWC](https://nwmullwoodland.co.uk/ulva/) for more information.

## About this EOI application form

This form is to be completed by individuals, groups, or organisations interested in leasing or using an asset owned by NWMCWC to contribute positively to the community. The information provided here will guide the initial assessment of your proposal.

## Section 1. Applicant information

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| Name |  |
| Contact number |  |
| Email address |  |
| Organisation name (if applicable) |  |
| Registered address |  |
| Preferred method of contact | Post  Email  Telephone\*  (delete as appropriate) |

\*If you select telephone as your preferred method of contact, we will call you to notify you of the decision and follow it up by email

## Section 2. Proposal Summary

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| Asset/s of interest (e.g. property name or description) |  |
| Intended use |  |
| Proposed lease term (months/years) |  |
| Expected monthly rent |  |

## Section 3. Community Benefit and Mission Alignment

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| How will your proposed use benefit the community? |
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| How does your proposal align with the charity’s mission? |
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| What negative impact, if any, might your proposal have on the local area? How would you propose to minimise these? |
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## Section 4. Financial Overview

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| Anticipated budget for operation and maintenance |  |
| Funding sources (if applicable) |  |
| Are you reliant on funding from grants to fund the operation or maintenance? | Yes/No  (delete as appropriate) |
| Do you anticipate generating income from this use? | Yes/No  (delete as appropriate) |
| If yes, please describe revenue source |  |

## Section 5. Environmental and Sustainability Considerations

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| What, if any measures will you take to minimise environmental impact or enhance sustainability? |
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## Section 6. Relevant Experience

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| Please outline any relevant experience, skills, or qualifications that demonstrate your ability to effectively use and manage this asset. |
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## Section 7. Additional Information

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| Please provide any additional information that may support your application |
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## Section 8. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Please provide information on any potential or existing conflicts of interest that may arise in relation to this proposal. This includes any personal or professional relationships with directors, employees, or others associated with North West Mull Community Woodland Company. Transparent disclosure helps ensure a fair and unbiased evaluation process.

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| Do you or any members of your organisation have a personal or professional relationship with any director, employee, or volunteer at NWMCWC? | Yes/No |
| If yes, please specify (include name and relationship to the individual) |  |
| Are there any current or past business relationships, financial interests, or affiliations that could affect the outcome of this EOI or influence the decision-making process? | Yes/No |
| If yes, please specify |  |

## Section 9. Previous Applications and History

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| Do you currently lease any assets owned by the charity? | Yes/No |
| If yes, what asset/s do you lease? |  |
| Have you previously expressed interest in any of the charity’s assets? | Yes/No |
| If yes, please provide further details |  |
| Have you had any other involvement with the NWMCWC? | Yes/No |
| If yes, please provide further details |  |

## Declaration

By signing below, you confirm that the information provided in this EOI is accurate. You understand that submitting this form does not guarantee acceptance or a lease agreement.

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| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

## What happens next?

If you are submitting an EOI form in response to a public notice about asset availability, a staff member will first check that it meets the essential eligibility requirements. If it does, it will be passed to the Board for evaluation against set scoring criteria.

If you are submitting an EOI form not in response to an advert or public notice, a staff member will verify its eligibility before issuing a public notice to inform the community of the proposal (high-level overview only) and invite feedback. If there are no significant objections, the form will then be passed to the Board for evaluation.

In both cases, you will receive the Board’s decision in writing.

The process can take up to 8 weeks from the point of form submission.