The Moray Local Action Group (LAG) is looking for additional members to help build on the work, achievements and insights of the last LEADER Programme (2014-2020)[[1]](#footnote-2) and Rural Communities Testing Change (RCTC) 2021/22 Projects[[2]](#footnote-3).

During 2022/23, the Moray LAG aims to clearly articulate a vision for a community-led wellbeing economy for Moray, as well as the implementation and learning strategies for bringing that vision to life, including through the delivery of one or more grant-making programmes.

The Moray LAG’s approach is based on the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) model associated with LEADER programmes: a bottom-up approach to rural development which aims to improve the quality of life, sustainability and prosperity in rural communities through locally driven rural development initiatives and projects.

Being a member of the LAG is unpaid, but reasonable travel, childcare, or other approved costs incurred shall be reimbursed.

During 2022/23, the work of the LAG will be financed through a grant of some £290,000 from Scottish Government. The finances will be managed by the local accountable body, **tsi**MORAY[[3]](#footnote-4), as directed by the LAG.

The funds will enable the LAG to:

* be supported by paid members of staff, employed and managed on the LAG’s behalf by the accountable body to deliver the programme
* commission additional support and/or specific projects to further the aims of the programme, including the development of a Community Led Vision for Moray
* allocate funds for distribution to local projects meeting the requirements specified by the LAG through one or more grant-making programme/s, including the Moray Local Action Fund currently open for applications[[4]](#footnote-5).

The Moray LAG will have overall responsibility for:

* steering and overseeing the development of a Community Led Vision for Moray
* steering and overseeing the development and implementation of suitable strategies and delivery plans
* setting the criteria and decision-making processes for one or more grant-making programmes and for the commissioning of projects supporting our plans and intentions
* helping to identify any complementary funding streams to support the development and/or delivery of our plans, both in 2022/23 and beyond
* steering and overseeing the development of proposals for accessing and/or distributing funds supporting the implementation of our Community Led Vision in both current and future years.

LAG members will be expected to attend the meetings of the LAG, which are currently held monthly online, and to prepare as needed for those meetings.

LAG members may also wish to be more directly involved in some activities including, for example, the drafting of the Community Led Vision, the updating of the LAG Members Handbook, encouraging the development and submission of proposals for funding and so on.

Membership shall be personal to those appointed through this process, and substitutes or alternates will not at this stage be permitted.

The Moray LAG will operate as an unincorporated voluntary association.

Applications to join the Moray LAG should be submitted by completing and returning the form in the following pages.

Applications will be considered by a panel drawn from the membership of the current Moray LAG.

Once completed, please send the form by e-mail to ourfuture@tsimoray.org.uk

For further information or an informal conversation about the role and/or the work of the Moray LAG please contact ourfuture@tsimoray.org.uk

**The closing date for applications is 30 November 2022**

**Application Form**

Please complete as appropriate and relevant

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| *Name:* |  |
| *Address:* |  |
| *Telephone Number (Work):* |  |
| *Telephone Number (Home):* |  |
| *Telephone Number (Mobile):* |  |
| *Email Address:* |  |
| *Please provide some information about yourself – this is purely for monitoring purpose and individual information shall not be made available to other parties.* |
| *Gender* | Male/Female |
| *Age Group* | 0 - 24 24 - 65 Over 65 |
| *Membership of Organisations/Groups*Please list those organisations or groups which you are involved with or work for which you feel would be relevant to the aims and work of the Moray LAG. |
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| *Professional or personal experience*Please provide information regarding your professional or personal experience which you think could be useful to the work of the Moray LAG. |
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| *Commitment and motivation*Members shall be expected to attend all meetings where possible in line with agreed operating principles and to promote the work and aims of the Moray LAG where possible at appropriate opportunities. Please explain why you would like to become a member. |
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I confirm that I wish to become a member of the Moray LAG.

Signature:

Date:

1. [Funding for the future in Moray | Moray LEADER](https://morayleader.org.uk/) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Soon to be published on a new, dedicated Moray LAG website: moraylag.org.uk [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. [tsiMORAY | Connected People Creating Change](https://www.tsimoray.org.uk/) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. <https://www.tsimoray.org.uk/moraylocalactionfund> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)