

Gairloch
MUSEUM
Taigh-tasgaidh Gheàrrloch



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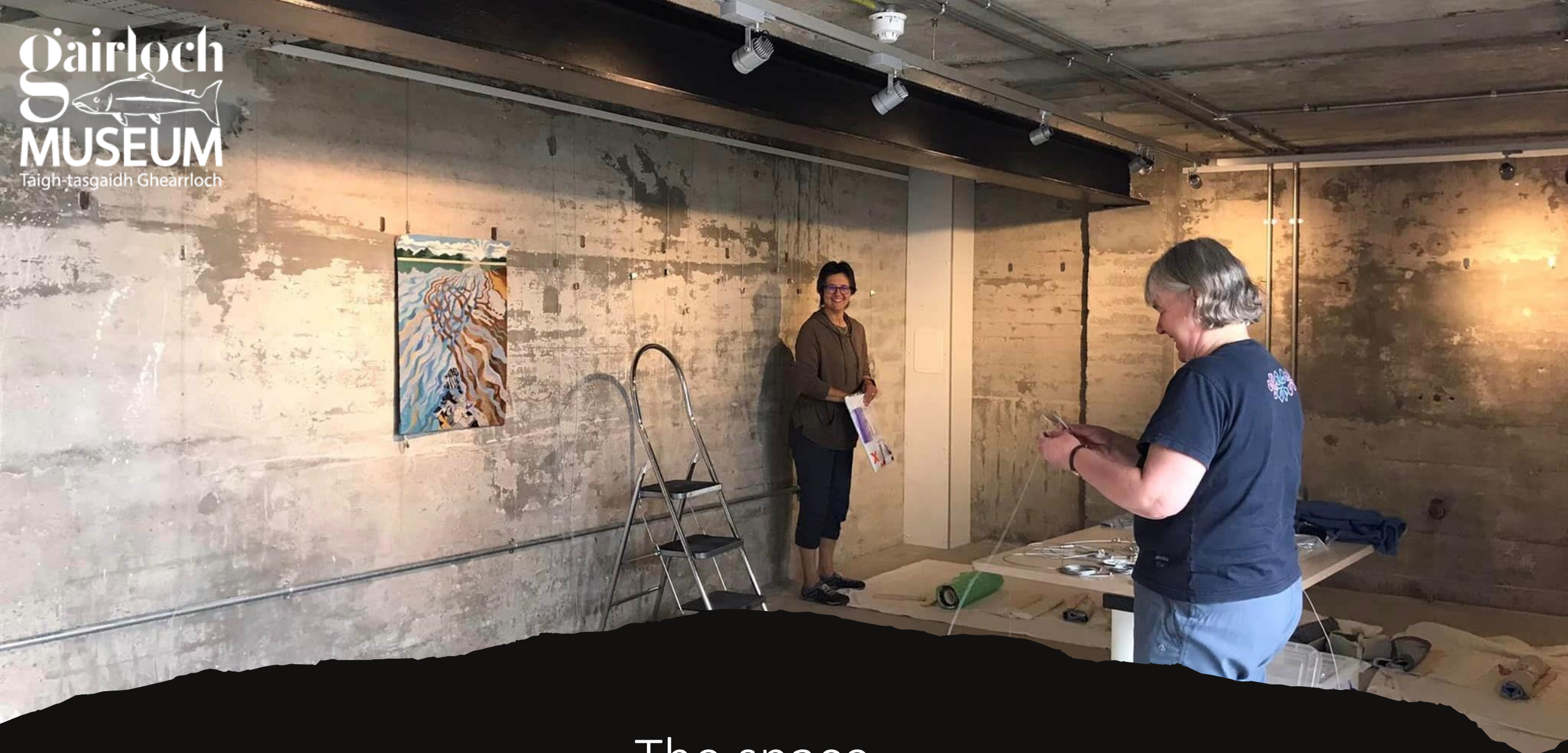


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Through the pandemic people were socially isolated and many of the activities enjoyed by the local community were stopped. Some of these have not restarted and some people are still struggling to reconnect socially.

Our project was built around a room for stories and for community; ceilidh in the traditional sense of the word. In a traditional ceilidh people sit together around the fire to enjoy the talents of community storytellers and musicians and local history is passed from one generation to another.



The space...





FRIDAY

The festival of stories is launched with virtual marshmallow toasting and story sharing



SATURDAY

The first day of
the festival
and Roddy
Maclean leads 2
Gaelic walk &
talks ...



FRIDAY

... and visits
Gairloch Primary
to read stories as
part of the Gaelic
open day.



WEDNESDAY

Story teller Claire has arrived and it's the first of 4 school visits over the coming 2 days!



WEDNESDAY

A performance of
the Aultbea Song
opens a lovely
afternoon of
Aultbea Stories.



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And later, a wonderful night of song and stories at the pilot of our Taigh Ceilidh event.



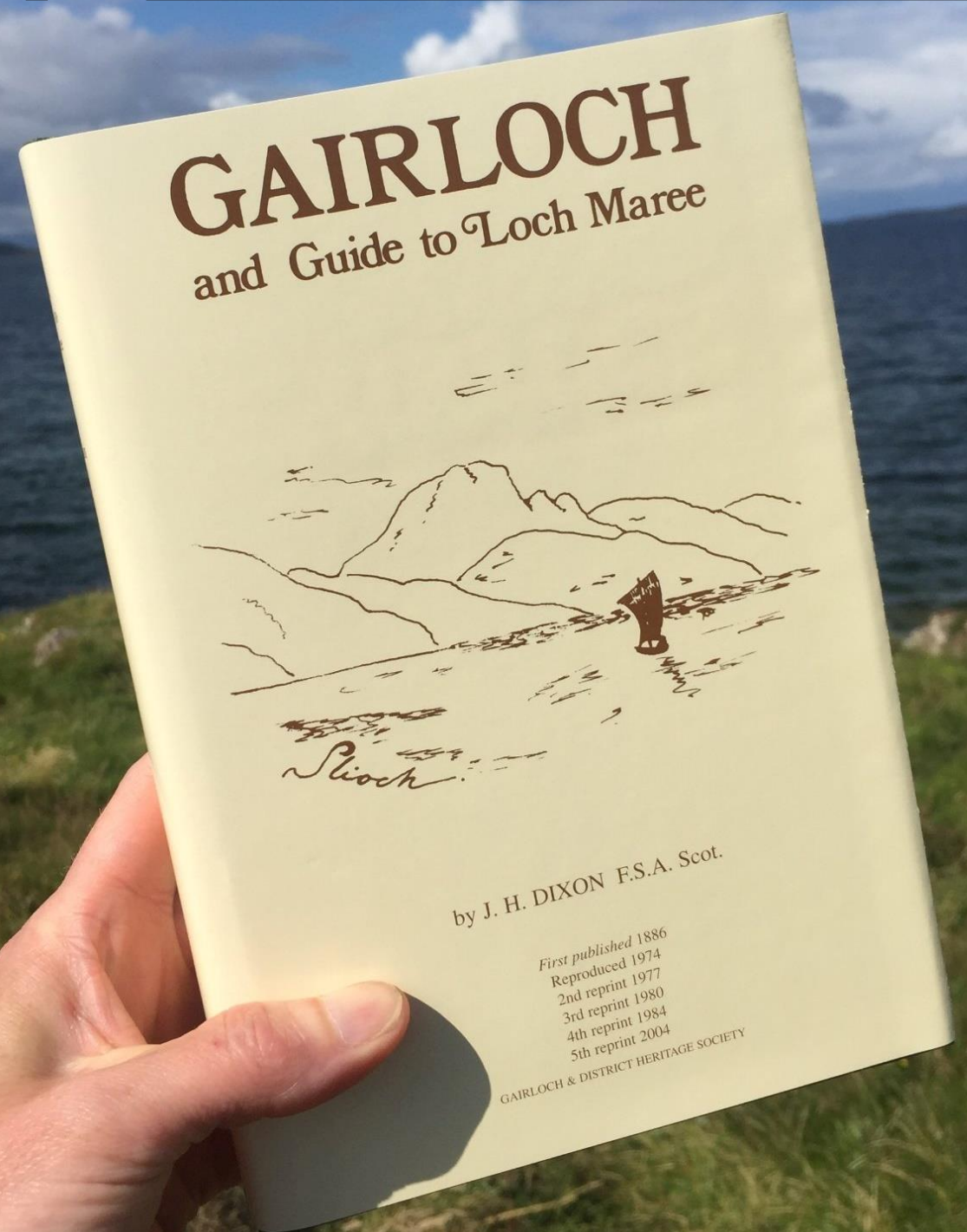
THURSDAY

100 children and staff from Applecross, Bualnaluib & Poolewe, Shildaig and Gairloch joined us for our 2 days of school storytelling workshops.



TUESDAY

Museum Curator
Karen Buchanan
delves into
'Dixon's Gairloch'
to unpick the
historical details
within these tales



TUESDAY

...And the festival draws to a close with a wonderful day in which we hosted a workshop for the tapestry stitchers...



10 days

16 events

452 people from our
rural community



Public Feedback

My daughter is in my class and was telling her brother (in P6, so not on the trip) about it all. On the Saturday following the trip, I took him in to see it and we sat for an hour reading his Minecraft books, helping to make the jigsaw and also helping to add a paragraph to the written story. It was lovely and he really enjoyed it. I really wanted your reading snug to stay.



Museum Feedback

We benefitted from trying a format we might not have done otherwise

Good to use our space to showcase other community groups

Too many events over the 10 days?



Life Beyond the Festival

Several events launched at the festival have been adopted as regular features in the museum calendar of events, bringing in regular audiences

A Dixon Book group will meet once a month

The museum now hosts a monthly Ceilidh House open mic night





Every fortnight

Lasts for 2 hours

Average of 20 people

Bilingual - English and Gaelic



What's next?

giuthas cruaidh aosta
meanglanaibh sgaoilte
r cromadh 's air aomadh
e gaothan chuain luim

