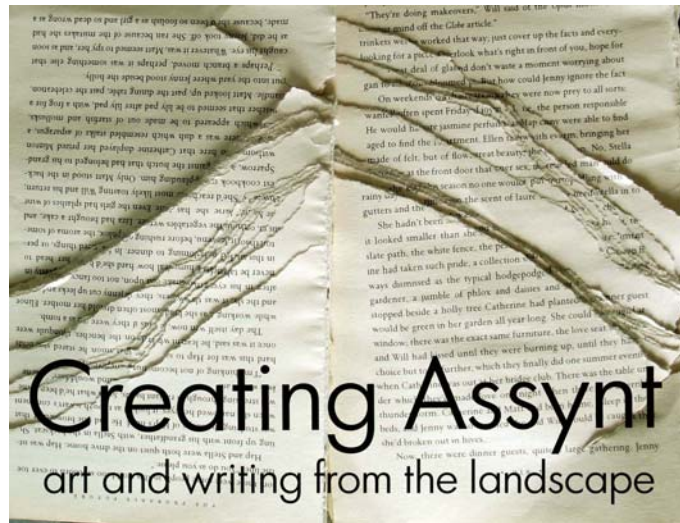


## Creating Assynt – A Community's Response to the Landscape

The geology of Assynt is overwhelming to the eye, with great mountains such as Suliven and Quinag dominating the skyline. The people who live and work in amongst these huge slabs of rock have a close relationship to the land, one which is largely unspoken.

This summer, the local community will be given the opportunity to express their close connection to and understanding of this landscape through a series of art and writing workshops, led by local artist Jan Kilpatrick and visiting writer Christian McEwen. They will visit three locations – Knockan Crag, the Bone Caves and Little Assynt Community Woodland – on each occasion, gathering impressions and inspiration for their own creative response. **North West Highland Geopark** officers and a member of staff from **Coigach and Living Landscapes(CALL)** will act as field guides.



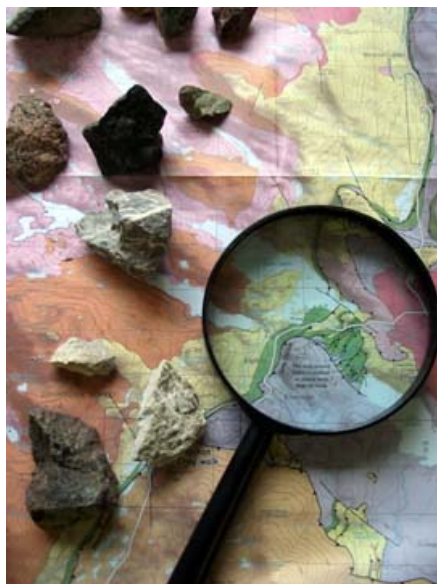
the work produced. Refreshments will be provided. After a few days, the exhibition of work will move north, in order to share the experience with other communities living in similarly remote locations. This project has received generous support from the **Macphail Centre**, Ullapool and **Highland Council** and has provided an exciting opportunity for the tutors to work in partnership with the Geopark and CALL, two organisations keen to promote the unique qualities of this ancient land.

For more information about this project and to find out how to take part, contact Fran or Chris at The Macphail Centre, Ullapool, tel: 01854 613336 or visit [www.macphailcentre.co.uk](http://www.macphailcentre.co.uk)

The activities run from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The week then finishes with a flourish, with a celebration of the work produced. This will take place at Elphin Community Hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August, between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm. There will be art work on display and a short programme of readings of

## Day One

### Knockan Crag: A Moving Landscape



Knockan Crag is perched high above the unique landscape of Assynt. Join us on a journey through time, as we look at the rocks that have played a part in the ancient story of the creation of this land. And when we get back to the studio, you will translate your impressions into a hand-made book, complete with images and words you have garnered from your time spent considering the slow-moving foundations that lie beneath our feet.

**Date :** Monday 25th August 2014

**Meet :** Knockan Crag Car Park 10.00am

**Finish :** Jan's Studio Elphin 5.00pm

**Bring :** packed lunch, walking boots and waterproofs

**Charge :** £35.00 (materials and refreshments provided)

Suitable for Adults only (short walk but steep steps)

**To Book :** Contact the Macphail Centre.

**Tel:** 01854 613336

**Email :** [mail@macphailcentre.co.uk](mailto:mail@macphailcentre.co.uk)

## Day Two

### The Bone Caves: Back in Time



Take your imagination for a walk to a place that is little changed since the ice age, to a time when wolves, bears and lynx roamed the landscape. This trip to the Bone Caves will give you lots of inspiration for the story-writing and book-making that will happen on our return to Jan's Studio when, with images and words, you will create a magical world, back in time.

**Date :** Tuesday 26th August 2014

**Meet :** The Bone Caves Car Park 10.00am

**Finish :** Jan's Studio Elphin 5.00pm

**Bring :** packed lunch, torch, walking boots and water-proofs.

**Charge :** £35.00 (materials and refreshments provided)  
Suitable for 16 years and over.

**NB :** Walk is 2 hours long with some steep slopes.

**To Book :** Contact the Macphail Centre.

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## Day Three

### A Wee Look at Little Assynt



Take a close look at the wee creatures and plants that make up the big picture of Little Assynt, a landscape in the making. Learn how to make your own little book, then fill it with pictures and your own poem, all describing the wonders of this growing natural environment.

**Date :** Wednesday 27th August 2014

**Meet :** All Abilities Car Park, Little Assynt 10.00am

**Finish :** 12.00 noon same location

**OR**

**Meet:** 2.00 pm and finish 4.00 pm (repeat of morning session)

**Bring :** drink & snack, all-weather clothing

**Charge :** £5 per person per session (materials provided)

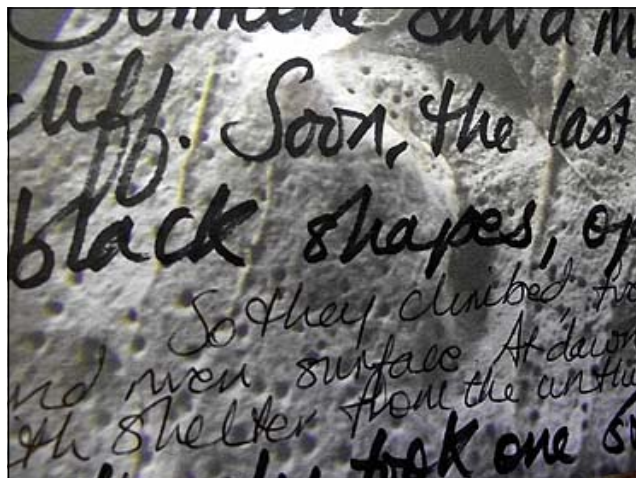
Open to all. Any child must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for wheelchair users.

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## Exhibition

A wide range of art and creative writing will be produced over the course of the three days. To celebrate this, we will host an informal exhibition and reading of work at Elphin Hall on Friday 29th august, 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm. Please come along and bring your friends and family too. Refreshments will be served.

## Exhibition on Tour

**1st—14th September** Coigach Community Hall  
**15th—28th September** Lochinver Visitor Centre  
**October** Other Highland venues (to be confirmed)  
**November 2014** The Macphail Centre, Ullapool

## Booking Form

Name :

Address :

Telephone :

Email :

I would like to book \_\_\_\_ place(s) on the following workshops (please tick):

Knockan Crag (Mon 25th August) \_\_\_\_  
 The Bone Caves (Tues 26th August) \_\_\_\_  
 A Wee Look at Little Assynt (Wed 27th August **am**) \_\_\_\_  
 A Wee Look at Little Assynt (Wed 27th August **pm**) \_\_\_\_

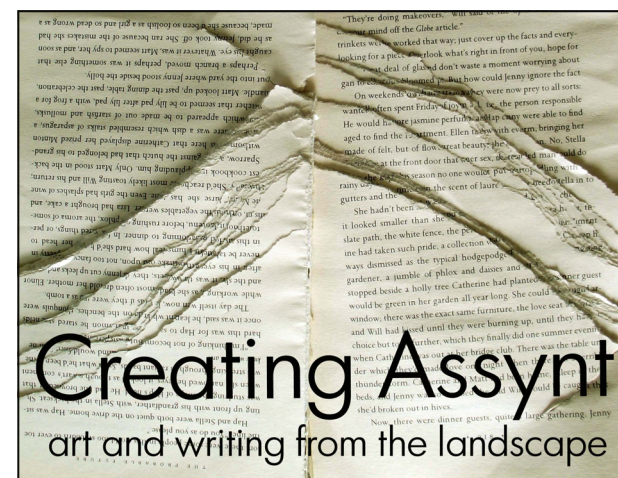
Please find enclosed my full payment of \_\_\_\_.

I am willing to have my work included in the travelling exhibition on the understanding that it will be returned to me at the end of the exhibition. Please tick \_\_\_\_.

**For more information, contact**  
 The Macphail Centre..

**Tel:** 01854 613336  
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**Send form to:**

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**Creating Assynt** is a series of community workshops for all ages, producing art and writings in response to the ancient landscape of Assynt in north west Sutherland.

**Tutors:** Jan Kilpatrick and Christian McEwen.

**25th Aug 2014** Knockan Crag : A Moving Landscape

**26th August 2014** The Bone Caves : Back in Time.

**27th August 2014** A Wee Look at Little Assynt

**29th August 2014** Opening of Exhibition

## Autumn/Winter 2014

Travelling Exhibition at various Highland venues.

