



EXPERIENCES ON DECOMMISSIONING IN DOUNREAY SITE, UK

International Symposium 2018
Tsuruga, Japan November 2018

London area from



1950's - Transformed by Dounreay

- ▣ Vision of local Member of Parliament to bring jobs/people to Caithness
- ▣ Planning consent took place over 1 week (today it would be more than 2 years)
- ▣ Population of Thurso trebled in 5 years
- ▣ New schools built, established local college - both benefitted in numbers and attainment

building programme

- one in four (well paid) jobs Dounreay

- ▣ Benefit to transport connections, retail and public services
- ▣ 1994 - Government announce Dounreay closure

2005 – NDA established and site closure becomes reality

NDA established in the UK Government's Energy Act

Dounreay Stakeholder established by NDA
up regeneration



European Union.
does not have its own

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on behalf of the public

www.dounreaystakeholdergroup.org

Socio Economics

- ❑ 2008 - Local concern about site closure and job losses and "nothing happening"
- ❑ DSG called for action
- ❑ Regeneration Partnership devised a new vision for the area
- ❑ Partners talking to each other, delivering the agreed strategy/priority projects
- ❑ Money available through NDA, Scottish Government, European Union
- ❑ NDA and community agreed socio economic clause in the Dounreay contract (first time the NDA did this)

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Maximising socio economic benefits

- ❑ Engineering Skills Centre built at the local college (NDA and Dounreay site Licence Company (DSRL) funding)
- ❑ Dounreay.com opened in Thurso (transfer of jobs from site to the town)
- ❑ Community benefit fund from planning applications (Fund from Low Level Waste Repository) £4million
- ❑ Socio economic clauses in the site's sub contracts
- ❑ Investment of **£35million** (NDA and DSRL) in socio economics since 2005
- ❑ Berriedale Braes, NDA investment
- ❑ Wick John O Groats airport investment
- ❑ Dounreay communities Fund - small sponsorship grants for community organisations/events (decided on by DSG)
- ❑ NDA land for development into sports hub



Georgemas railhead crane

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Socio economic success *Scrabster Harbour*



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Socio economic success

NDA

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What is the Caithness & North Sutherland Fund?

The Caithness & North Sutherland fund was established by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and Douneay Site Restoration Ltd to distribute funding to community organisations for projects that will increase the attractiveness of Caithness & North Sutherland as a place to live, work and invest with particular emphasis on achieving environment, social, culture and infrastructure improvements.

Latest News/Awards

24/9/18 - PR Grant Awards 2018-19
PRESS RELEASE 01872018PR023 (24/09/2018) THE GRANT AWARDS OVER £50K TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS: The Caithness & North Sutherland Fund

Get Money for Local Businesses

Small businesses and young companies often find it difficult to raise money to fund growth. The North Highland Regeneration Fund (NHRF) has been established by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority to provide loan funding complementing other existing sources of funding for small businesses. This initiative is designed to jump-start both the start-up of new ventures and the growth of existing businesses as part of the drive to replace the jobs which will be lost in the Caithness & Sutherland area as the Douneay nuclear is decommissioned.

Latest News

- ▶ Exciting new tourism initiative
- ▶ NHRF - September
- ▶ iStart Challenge final a great success
- ▶ NHRF - May 20
- ▶ NHRF M - April 201

Dunnet Bay Distillery



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Reids of Caithness



Reids
of
Caithness

From Caithness to the World

- ❑ ~~DEC has links to~~ other nuclear communities (Scotland Wales England, Australia, Japan and Hungary)
- ❑ Dounreay and NDA providing support and advice eg. Monju decommissioning
- ❑ Dounreay (home bred) supply chain companies operating internationally
- ❑ New Caithness businesses that are trading worldwide, eg Dunnet Bay Distillers and Reids Bakers

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Summary

- ❑ Maintain a “watching brief” on the operations of the site
- ❑ Provide input to NDA strategy
 - ❑ Carry out consultations on behalf of NDA and the community
 - ❑ Ensure safety and environmental compliance is adhered to
- ❑ Ensure local supply chain is represented
- ❑ Highlight the importance of socio economics and the economic future
- ❑ Work in partnership – “we are all in this together!”