



## **MULL THROUGH THE LENS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

*For Immediate Release* – Mull Through The Lens Photography Club and Scotland: The Big Picture are excited to be bringing 'Scotland: A Rewilding Journey' to Mull this coming May.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm in Craignure Village Hall we'll have the opportunity to ignite exciting conversations about rewilding Mull, Argyll and the whole of Scotland.

#### **Rewilding: What is it and why do we need it?**

Despite Scotland's international reputation for raw beauty and drama, a devastating story of ecological decline lies hidden in the landscape. All of our large carnivores are extinct, many of our species teeter on the edge and millions of treeless acres dominate the map. Scotland has become a nature-depleted nation.

It doesn't have to be this way.

A bold vision for the future is slowly emerging where wild forests teem with life, where pristine rivers flow freely supporting an abundance of insects, birds and fish and where a mosaic of wetlands is shaped by the work of beavers and echoes to the calls of cranes.

This is the vision of a rewilded Scotland – a place where nature works, where wildlife flourishes and crucially, where people prosper.

*Some of Scotland's top photographers and filmmakers have spent 3 years capturing the beauty of the country's landscape and its wild inhabitants. On May 24, Peter Cairns, one of those photographers and Director of SCOTLAND: The Big Picture, the organisation behind a spellbinding presentation, comes to the Craignure Village Hall. Against a backdrop of stunning images and film, Peter will explain the principles behind rewilding, why we need it and why we need it now. He will also pose an intriguing question: **What should Scotland look like?***

Tickets will be £8.00 and include refreshments.

To purchase tickets you can visit [www.scotlandbigpicture.com/events](http://www.scotlandbigpicture.com/events) or they will be available from the following locations on Mull:

Tackle and Books in Tobermory  
Spar Shop in Salen  
Visit Scotland Tourist Info in Craignure  
Spar Shop in Bunessan

### About Mull Through The Lens

Mull Through The Lens is a community club for enthusiasts of all levels, whether amateur, professional, or somewhere in between. We meet in Salen Parish Church Hall once a month. We also provide workshops on various topics such as black and white photography and editing images, and in the summer months we try to get a bit of time to meetup and practice what we've learnt. For more details you can visit our website at [www.mullthroughthelens.org.uk](http://www.mullthroughthelens.org.uk)

### About SCOTLAND: The Big Picture

SCOTLAND: The Big Picture is the first organisation in Scotland wholly dedicated to rewilding advocacy and communications. Our mission is to help drive transformational change towards a vast network of rewilded land and sea across Scotland, where wildlife thrives and communities flourish.

### About Peter Cairns

Peter Cairns is a nature photographer and videographer with over 20 years of professional experience under his belt. Co-founder of conservation media projects such as *Tooth & Claw*, *Wild Wonders of Europe* and *2020VISION*, Peter is now Director of SCOTLAND: The Big Picture, a social enterprise dedicated to communicating the potential of a wilder Scotland. Peter is a serving Board Member of Scottish rewilding charity *Trees for Life*, and a Senior Fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers.

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