

shielin-bough: a place to gather



enjoying the laavu, 2023



shielin-laavu, 2024
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The work in the exhibition is a series of photographs which have emerged from a collaborative project funded by the Scottish Government's Arctic Connections Fund and the Finnish Institute UK + Ireland. The shielin-bough project has developed innovative, multidisciplinary, place-based creative education for rural locations, prototyping new ways of working together in northern places. The result of the collaborative live build, the shielin-laavu, is documented here. The build used local, sustainable, natural resources including the wood for the construction which was sourced from our local industry partner Logie Timber. The partners in the live build were the Altyre Estate, the Mackintosh School of Architecture, GSA Highlands & Islands and the University of Lapland. We are grateful for the time and energy given by the whole team to support the project, but special thanks are due to the inter-institutional student team whose collaboration was essential to the success of the project. This collaborative process shared and celebrated the intangible cultural heritage of shelter and food through cooking, storying, making and building together.