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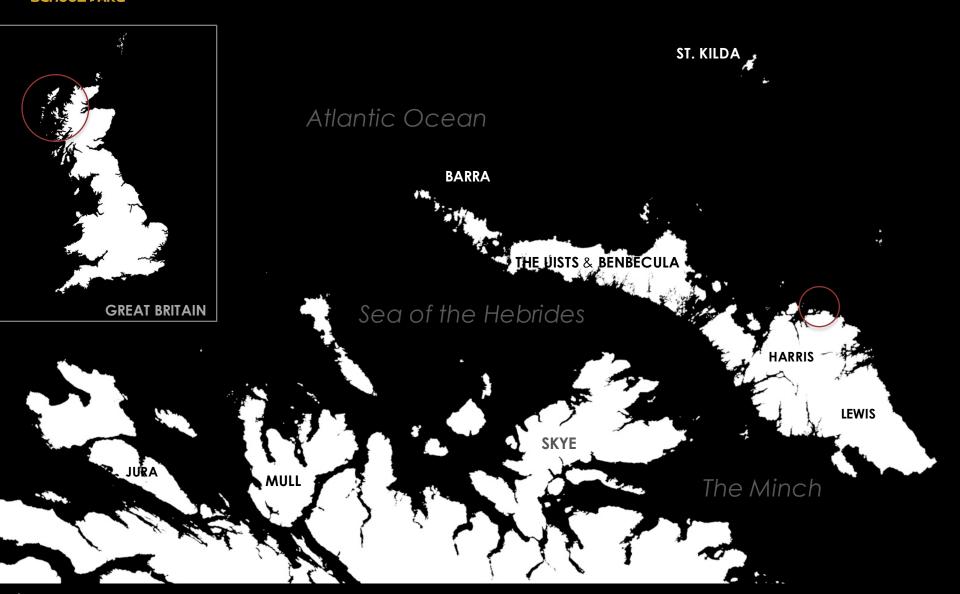


#### overview



Ruins of a farmhouse, North Uist, 2015

#### location





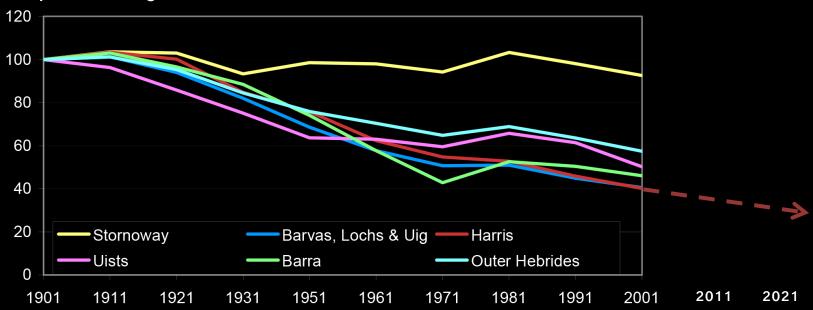
#### historical context



A large reproduction of one of the Lewis Chessmen near the location of its original find, Uig, Isle of Lewis, 2015

#### depopulation

#### Population change 1901 to 2001, indexed at 1901 levels



Source: GROS 2001

#### abandonment



#### Atlantic Ocean



#### st. kilda



## history



One of the islands many cleats with Village Bay in background, 2015 (Fullarton-Pegg)

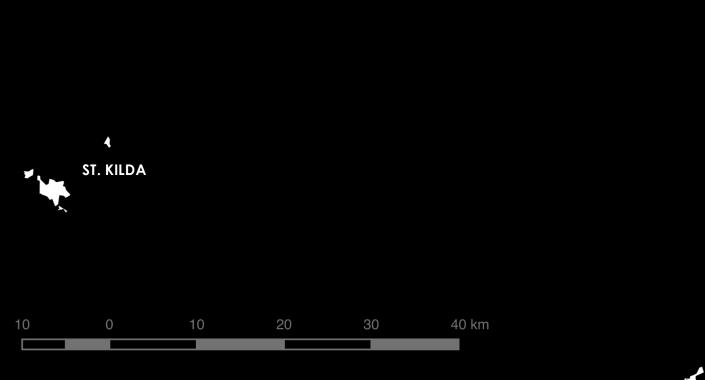


#### islands 'at the edge'



View on island towards one of the escarpments

# regeneration







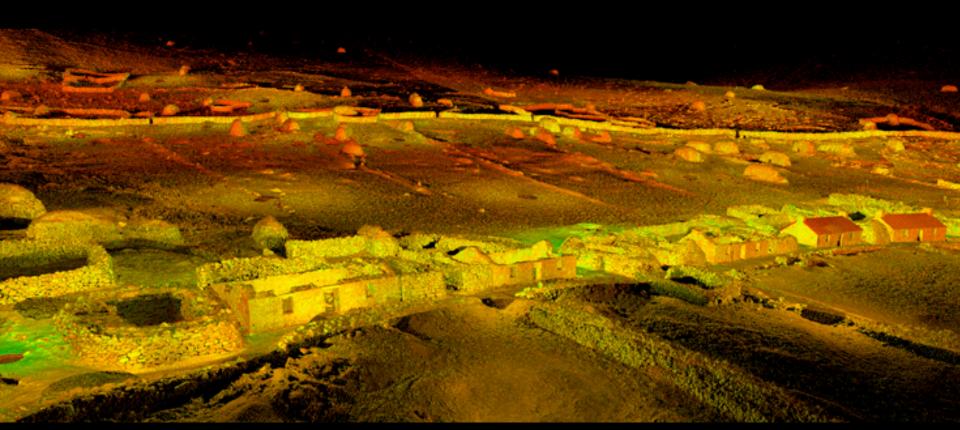
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Uig, on the Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides

St. Kilda Opera, 2007

#### remote access



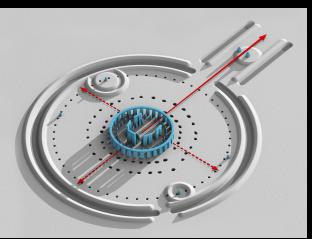
LIDAR scans of central village, CDDV

#### remote access





#### heritage interpretation & visualisation











# Stimulating innovation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century from rural and distributed regions through making and place

#### Place:

Accessing and promoting local environmental awareness

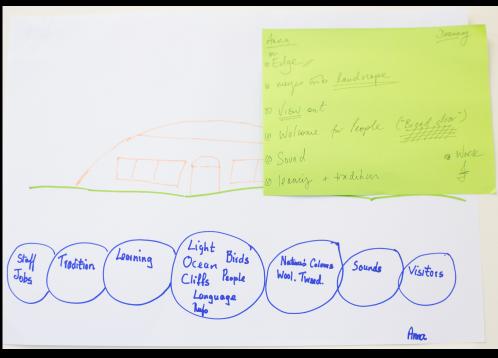
Folk: Driving technology from need

Work:
Creating
distributed
enterprises
that support
new lifestyles



#### co-production









Collection of initial work with local communities

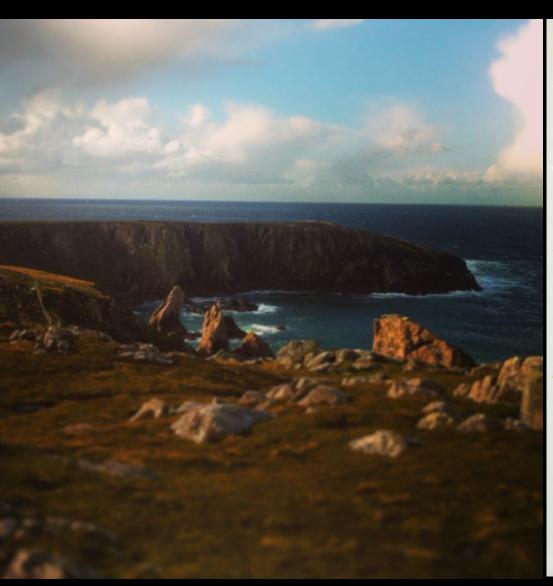
# 'negative capability'



#### strategies



#### reflections



We aim to establish, I Marguistach, llig to (00) an internationally renowned "centre", Janac Hisrt which celebrates, shares, and draws upon the unique attributes of St. Kilda. To do this, we will address untapped apportunities in local national and international tourism, and, in particular, the emerging market for world-heritage tourism in which we would aim to play an exemplary and leading role. This, in turn, rests on our superior obilities to decess, interpret and engage others in the natural, cultural and marine heritage of St. Kilda - in order to attract and inspire visitors on the one hand, and, on the other, engage in dialogue with key partners to secure support, funding and the portfolio of core capabilities required for the sustainable development and operation of lond Hort

## conclusions

