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## Client and Brief

HKA Global are the leading global consultancy in risk mitigation and commercial dispute resolution, providing expert, claims and advisory services.

The HKA team were looking to organise a two-day overnight corporate event for a group of ten

people at Ardoch.

Some of the HKA staff had visited Ardoch when it was launched as an exclusive use venue with a profit for purpose business model so they knew that this unique property would provide the perfect location for their corporate event.



## The event

Every event at Ardoch is personalised to the requirements of each client. Planning and attention to detail is of the utmost importance to ensure all clients enjoy a personalised experience. When planning the HKA event, we discussed how we could set up the different spaces within Ardoch and make the most of the different spaces over the course of the two days.

On arrival the first day, guests enjoyed tea and coffee as well as a selection of pastries and fruit skewers. A buffet lunch with a variety of meat, vegetarian and gluten-free options was served, followed by afternoon tea and scones then an evening BBQ on the terrace.

Each function room and all the bedrooms look out to spectacular views. Each room has a very different feel. The drawing room feels like you're entering someone's living room. With comfy sofas and beautifully upholstered seating, it's the perfect place to relax and enjoy the views. The large, open fireplace, bookshelves filled with books and great lighting is one of our guests favourite rooms. HKA also made use of the viewing tower where guests enjoyed views over the lochan, the barn, Jimmy's room (which was set up in a u-shape with a projector and flip charts) for meetings, breakout rooms and enjoyed a dinner whilst enjoying the panoramic views from the terrace.

Types of menu and dietary requirements were discussed, and then bespoke menus created to fit their preferences and schedule. The proposed menus for the two days were approved by HKA before arrival.

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*"It's the perfect setting for a retreat. Also, the close proximity to Glasgow and ease of access from airport was important. It's intimate and very different from a hotel experience. First class in every interaction. There were three best things: the setting, the facilities and the staff."*

Lea Niven-Smith,  
Business Support Administrator

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Limen Associates offers leadership development, coaching and retreats. Pauline Holland, the Founding Director contacted Ardoch to enquire about organising a number of leadership retreats at Ardoch. Limen Associates had used Ardoch as a venue for an event previously, due to the nature of the retreats, they were particularly interested in the exclusivity and



having the venue just for themselves. They were also looking for somewhere with a stunning setting, amazing views, great service and somewhere that could offer a memorable experience for their bespoke leadership retreats. They knew that Ardoch would be perfect for the intensive retreats that they were looking to host.

## The event

A four day/three night retreat was organised in May 2023 to host seven delegates and three facilitators. Guests arrived, checked into their rooms and enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Barn. The afternoon involved different activities using the various spaces at Ardoch. There was a specific area set up with yoga mats for delegates to participate in yoga.

The group particularly like using the Drawing Room for their teaching sessions, as it offers a more informal and comfortable learning space.

The menus were discussed during the planning stage, with healthy options being agreed which suited the delegates and ensured that all dietary requirements were taken into consideration.

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*"From start to finish, the experience was first class. Warm, friendly, adaptable, and very caring about the whole experience for my groups. Everything worked well. Having the venue to ourselves was a big plus with the various rooms being made available for us, including a separate space for morning yoga/body work. The setting is simply stunning. The food was great: healthy, with a good variety and beautifully presented. At each event, we always decide to make some small changes and make slight changes to what we are doing, but Ardoch is more than willing to accommodate."*

Pauline Holland,  
Founding Director



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Love Electric offers employees up to 60% off the latest electric vehicles, thanks to salary sacrifice, a similar business model to the popular bike-to-work scheme.

Love Electric contacted us to enquire about organising an overnight team away day for sixteen delegates. As part of the brief, they were looking to organise a fun, team building activity.

## The event

The team at Ardoch made some recommendations for different types of activities and helped organise an afternoon of canoeing for the team. All the different event spaces at Ardoch were used for different activities including the cottages, which also had a TV set up and flip charts. Part of the brief was to ensure that the delegates moved around during their stay and enjoyed the amazing views from different parts of the venue.



*"We enjoyed an incredible team away day and overnight stay at Ardoch this year. We already had pretty high expectations having seen the beautiful images of the house and grounds, but it is fair to say that every aspect went way beyond our expectations.*

*From the setting on the Loch, to the beautiful bedrooms and delicious catering - it was incredible. The staff at Ardoch were a pleasure and could not do enough for us. Thank you for giving us the pleasure of enjoying this amazing facility, We will all remember it very fondly, and hope to return. It was perfect!"*

Lyndsay Tigar ,  
Director

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## The event

As a day event for fifteen people, there was a lot to cover. Guests were welcomed with tea and coffee, a selection of fresh pastries and fruit skewers to set them up for their morning with refreshments available for the duration of the event. A buffet lunch featured a mix of meat and vegetable choices with gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan options available.

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*"Thanks again for our most recent wonderful experience. You are all amazing! The whole experience from the first contact through to attending the event was professional, welcoming and encouraging, it's hard to beat! I think this (September event) was our best experience yet....it gets better and better each time, which is so hard to maintain, but they do it so well.*

*The peaceful surroundings at Ardoch are really calming and perfect for a team away-day."*

*Pauline Moffat, Cyrenians*



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Cyrenians is a homeless charity in Scotland aimed at tackling the causes and consequences of homelessness.

They had visited Ardoch in 2018 and loved it so much they decided to bring their team back for their 10th anniversary of the service in spring 2023, returning again in September 2023.

Their events were focused on team planning sessions so they needed access to a variety of rooms with different layouts to allow for various break-out sessions to be run. At the end of their team day, they needed a space to bring everyone back together to discuss outputs and actions from the day.

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## The event

Delegates were greeted with breakfast on arrival at 10am and enjoyed a selection of breakfast rolls and teas and coffees. A whole group briefing in the Barn and Patio area followed breakfast. The guests spent the morning enjoying the beautiful, spacious outdoor area and took part in team building activities on the grounds of the Ardoch estate.

Break-out rooms were also set up inside Ardoch to host different team activities.

A marquee was set up for the evening party, with different food trucks on site providing a selection of food for the guests to enjoy. A bar was also set up serving drinks.

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*"We were delighted with everything Ardoch had to offer us from start to finish. Linsey in particular could not have been more helpful in supporting us to achieve our aims, sharing ideas and giving advice, and the day – which comprised many moving parts! – ran perfectly smoothly.*

*Everything about holding our event at Ardoch was positive. Even the sun shone on us all day long! The opportunity to have sole use of the venue and to be able to use as much or as little of the facilities we required was great and the layout of the house and beautiful extensive grounds offered plenty of space for our 100 guests while still promoting the team spirit we were looking for.*

*Our experience with Ardoch from start to finish – from the first site visit on an extremely rainy miserable afternoon in February, to the culmination of a lot of hard work from very many people on a beautiful day in May – was first class."*

Emma Chiren,  
Senior Leadership Team Manager



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### HACKING + PATERSON MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Hacking and Paterson are one of Scotland's leading independent providers of property factoring services with offices in Glasgow and Edinburgh. They were looking for a special, unique venue with plenty of indoor and outdoor space that would be easily accessible for staff from their two offices.

Specifically they needed a venue that offered the flexibility for them to host a largescale teambuilding staff away day for 100 people. Coaches transported staff from the Glasgow and Edinburgh offices to Ardoch and back to the cities after the event.