

Assessing threats to ICH in Scotland

The following are taken from [UNESCO | Living heritage and threats](#) website. According to UNESCO research, the following factors are seen as threats to Intangible Cultural Heritage:

Weakened practice and transmission

- Aged practitioners
- Diminishing participation
- Diminishing youth interest
- Few practitioners
- Halted transmission
- Hampered transmission
- Loss of significance
- Reduced practice
- Reduced repertoire

Economic pressure

- Arduous training
- Encroachment on food resources
- Insufficient financial resources
- Insufficient remuneration
- Rapid economic transformation

Cultural globalization

- Educational standardization
- Mass media
- New pastimes
- Rapid sociocultural change
- Social media

Demographic issues

- Rural-urban migration
- Population influx
- Degraded habitat

Loss of objects or systems

- Loss of ancestral language

- Loss of cultural spaces
- Loss of knowledge
- Material shortage

Negative attitudes

- Repressive policies
- Intolerance
- Disrespect
- Conflicts

Environmental degradation

- Water pollution
- Urban development
- Natural disasters
- Mining
- Invasive husbandry
- Desertification
- Degraded ecosystem
- Deforestation
- Climate change

Decontextualization

- Touristification
- Theatrification
- Overcommercialisation
- Misappropriation
- Freezing

New products or techniques

- Industrial production
- Surge of new technologies
- Use of modern materials

We encourage you to think about how the ICH you intend to work with might be impacted or put at risk by the above.