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Robbie Synge
Inhabitants, 2022
Compiled infrared motion capture photography

There's thinking and doing.
And thinking about doing.
And thinking by doing.
And moving to think.

Getting in touch with nature, we situate our body to shift our physiology. Stood vertical, stacked, two feet planted, gazing out from a body length's altitude. Bipedal, perhaps hinging or folding to step or sit. Touching with the hands, holding a stick probably. We observe. Or lean...

Into the earth, nose pushed to the soil, tail to the air, ribs rolling in heather, imprinting surfaces on skin so the self might expand. Arranging ourselves endlessly with other species and matter. Embedding in place and never alone.

Leaning further in to embrace fears and hopes, in a ceilidh of creatures how might we move and how might we think?

Robbie Synge is an artist and choreographer. At the heart of his work is connection with people, land and materials. As well as being a Neighbourhood Resident, this year he is taking part in an Endangered Landscapes Artist Residency in partnership with Cairngorms Connect. *Inhabitants* is part of his ongoing project *A Ceilidh of Creatures*. He lives in Nethy Bridge, Strathspey.

Neighbourhood Residencies

In the spring of 2021 Bothy Project's bothies and Assynt Foundation's art studio were turned into sentinels for communication through the *Neighbourhood Residencies* project. Nine selected participants spent time alone at their local bothy, after which the group discussed and reflected upon themes of importance to them including, community, connecting to nature, and the interlinked subjects of housing, employment and tourism. You can hear the podcasts at www.bothyproject.com or by using the QR code below. Participants also designed a series of posters, of which this is one, which have been distributed to organisations and groups across Scotland for public display.

Neighbourhood Residency participants were **Norah Barnes, Fliis Fraser** and **Isebail MacKinnon**, who live on the Small Isles and stayed at Sweeney's Bothy, Eigg; **Robyn Braham, Sarah Hobbs** and **Robbie Synge** from Badenoch & Strathspey who stayed at Inshriach Bothy, in the Cairngorms National Park, and **Sarah Bernstein, Katrina Martin** and **Monika Strell** from Assynt & Coigach who stayed at the Assynt Art Studio, near Lochinver.

Bothy Project

We provide residencies in bespoke small-scale, off-grid spaces so residents can explore creativity, landscape and living simply. Residencies are for practitioners in visual arts, craft & design, music, literature and performance, as well as thinkers, researchers, and people local to each bothy. Sign up to our newsletter at www.bothyproject.com to learn more about what we do and hear about opportunities.

Listen to the podcasts:

1. *Going slow, on the fast lane to Suilven*
2. *More holiday homes than people to clean them*
3. *A stag on the porch, a vole in the wall*



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