

Subject : Education and Rural Depopulation:

## A Hebridean Case Study

This session explores the controversial argument that formal education is a factor in rural depopulation.

Structured in three parts, it begins with some reflections on global patterns of rural depopulation, specifically island depopulation.

It then looks at issues related to Hebridean depopulation, before the main focus which is a case study of the island of Raasay and the role of schooling in its depopulation over the last 150 years.

The main source of data is from a completed British Academy research project, but now updated to include recent developments on the islands.