

DRIFTING APART

Reuniting our shared geological heritage

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Drifting Apart is a three year project part-funded through the European Regional Development Fund's Northern Peripheries and Arctic Region Programme. Drifting Apart aims to reconnect the geological heritage of six partner countries including Canada, Iceland, Norway, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Russia.



Immersive goggles - one option for [exploring geosites](#)



A [project map](#) has been created. This will be used by all partners.



[UNESCO ratify Geoparks](#) – Congratulations to all our UNESCO Global Geopark partners

Website Now Live!



The [Drifting Apart Website](#) is now live. This will become a hub for all resources and material relating to the project and all of the partners involved.

Throughout the project resources will be made available on this website.

Our Shared Story



Our story begins three billion years ago, the age of the oldest rocks in the Drifting Apart area, and continues through to today with active Earth movements in southern Iceland creating the youngest rocks. The geological storyline of the Drifting Apart area looks at what happened during these three billion years, using plate tectonic principles and geological evidence, to help explain how each of the partner areas in the project have been physically connected and how this is no longer the case.

The storyline is available [here](#) and will soon be available on all partners websites. It is aimed at the general public and will be used as a standalone resource and as a guide for creating educational resources and onsite interpretation. Both the story line and educational resources will be used for local training events in 2017 and help guide the high profile virtual reality program being delivered by the Drifting Apart project.

Partner Meeting



The second Project Steering Group meeting got off to a snowy start; for safety reasons because of a snow storm, the meeting was moved from Húsafell to the south-western coastal village of Grindavík in Reykjanes UNESCO Geopark.

Representatives from all partner locations discussed progress, projects and work package plans. Specifically the [geological storyline](#), [interpretation guidelines](#), options for [digitally documenting geosites](#) and methods for research regarding [Geopark best practice guidelines](#).



Next partner meeting

Towards the end of May representatives from each of the partner area will travel to [Kenozero National Park](#), Russia to participate in the next partnership meeting. During this meeting Pål from [Magma UNESCO Global Geopark](#) will lead a training session on how to use a drone, with 360° camera attached to document a site. This training is essential for all partners who will then use this method to capture 26 sites of geological interest before the end of 2016.



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