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Knowing me, knowing you

We rely on your help, generosity and kindness to assist the people we support. Without you we simply could not continue to provide the moments and memories that make life so special for everyone here at Sense Scotland.

In this edition of Loud and Clear, we have enclosed our questionnaire which has an additional request to ensure that your details are up to date and correct.

Please take a few minutes of your time to let us know your preferences, and to amend any of your details. Please then return the form to us in the envelope provided. Without this little act of kindness, we may not be able to continue to let you know about the events we hold, the Christmas cards we sell or the magical moments you make happen.

Please do let us know if we can keep in touch via email, telephone or text. These are the most cost effective methods that allow us to keep costs down. If you are happy for the occasional email, odd phone call and very rare text message from us, then tick the boxes on the form, your tick matters! You can help us to change a life just by keeping in touch.

You can contact us at any time to change your mind, by calling **0300 330 9292** or email fundraising@sensescotland.org.uk

TouchBase Dundee

We are pleased to announce a major new capital development. After an extensive search, we are delighted to confirm that we have acquired a 1500 square metre site in Dundee, which will become home to TouchBase Dundee.

This is a major milestone for us and a big step forward in our commitment to deliver much improved facilities and resources for the people we support in Dundee, and the surrounding area, their families and our own staff.

The design of TouchBase Dundee will incorporate ideas from the people we support, families and staff; we have begun the consultation process with local meetings, surveys and site visits.



We anticipate that TouchBase Dundee will include flexible activity spaces, music and art rooms, sensory rooms and a sensory garden.

We estimate a two year timeframe to deliver TouchBase Dundee and the required investment is expected to be over £1 million for the full development.

So come on Dundee, come and get involved and be part of the adventure. Call **0300 330 9292** to find out how you can help us achieve our Dundee Dream.

TouchBase Dundee follows on from our recent successful TouchBase developments in Ayrshire and Lanarkshire. These TouchBase developments would not be possible without our wonderful donors and supporters.

Over the Rainbow

Our Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides were delighted to receive a cheque from Scotland's Children's Lottery to help expand their activities.

Our group which is made up of girls with a range of disabilities is run just like every other Brownie pack.

However, at ours, every activity is carefully planned out and adapted making sure our girls can have fun and be supported at the same time.



Picture by Delphine Porre

It's vitally important that all children, regardless of disability get the opportunity to make memories. It's what childhood is all about.

This grant, along with your wonderful gifts, will make sure our girls will be able to take part in even more activities and outings to help them gain new badges!



Our Voice Conference 2018



The people we support held their annual conference this April. The event was organised and led by members of Our Voice - Sense Scotland's consultation group for the people we support.

The two day conference included topics such as healthy living, training and involvement. First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon attended and took part in a Q&A from members of the group. Group members asked some tough questions on topics such as Brexit, Social Care and if she played the X-Box!

A big well done to all of the Our Voice members for organising such a great conference!

Can you help?

We have collecting cans up and down the country playing their part in making a difference to the lives of the people we support.



We are currently on the lookout for new homes for our cans. Our cheery yellow collecting cans are sure to brighten up any till point or office! If you own a local business or know someone who does why not order a Sense Scotland collecting can and make a huge impact with your customers' loose change.

If you have some time to spare and have great connections in your local area why not become a Collecting Can Champion? We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to help place and empty cans in their local community.

If you'd like to find out more or to get involved give us a call on 0300 330 9292 or email fundraising@sensescotland.org.uk.

TouchBase Ayrshire is officially open!



Our latest centre, TouchBase Ayrshire was officially opened late last year. Chris Weir, of The Weir Foundation, unveiled the plaque declaring the new centre officially open.

The Ardrossan based centre offers state of the art facilities and is equipped with a sensory room, music and art areas as well as a floor level trampoline for rebound therapy.

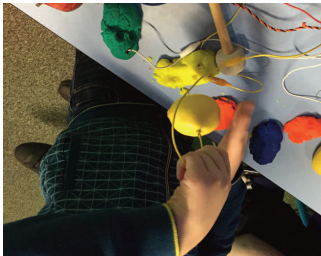
Getting Musical

Creative Scotland has awarded our Sensatronic project £39,600 to expand!

Sensatronic Sessions aim to increase access to digital music across Scotland for young people with additional support needs.



Our young people have been exploring electronic music, using everything from 'pianos' made with bananas and instruments made with bike wheels and pizza boxes!



Our families have loved taking part and making music together! There have been many grateful parents thankful for the sessions.

“It allowed her to be part of something where she could overcome some of her social communication difficulties through musical interaction.”

Your support helps so many of our young people have the opportunity to get involved in music and art where they can develop ways to communicate and express themselves through art. We are delighted to have been awarded this grant to help expand our work to help even more people.

The winner is..



A huge thank you to everyone who entered our 2017 Raffle.

The lucky ticket was picked out by Anne and Andy. Congratulations to all our winners - you know who you are!

Look out for the 2018 raffle later on in the year.

Shops News

At Sense Scotland shops you are always sure to find a bargain while getting the feel good factor knowing your purchase will help make a difference to someone's life. Now, you can add "helping the environment" to the reasons for shopping with us!



Our stores are doing their bit to help reduce waste in Scotland and their hard work has paid off with their recent accreditation from **Revolve**.

Jan Chebrika, regional manager for our east Scotland shops was delighted to accept the Revolve accreditation from Sam Moir - Revolve Manager at Zero Waste Scotland.

Sam said: **"It's fantastic to have Sense Scotland on board, joining over 100 Revolve certified re-use organisations across the country."**

Revolve, Scotland's national re-use quality standard, works across the country to provide training, advice and support to staff and volunteers. When customers shop with us they can be confident that the items on sale are safe, good quality and fit for purpose while helping to reduce the impact of waste on the environment.

Well done to all our shops on all their hard work!

Free Furniture Pick Up

Give your "Big Stuff" to one of our Charity Shops and help transform someone's life! We can even collect your good quality unwanted furniture free of charge! For more information get in touch on 0300 330 9292 or furniture@sensescotland.org.uk.

Running for it

They say completing a marathon is one of the hardest things you can do...don't tell that to John who has signed up for two!!

Inspired by our amazing work the former 10k champion decided it was time to dust off the trainers and raise a bit of money at the same time. After securing a ballot place in the iconic London Marathon, John completed the race on the hottest day of the year so far! The warmest London Marathon ever!



John decided that 26 miles was just not enough and has now signed up to complete the Edinburgh Marathon too! He's hoping to raise £500 towards our work which he says will make all those miles worth it.

Keep an eye on our website and facebook for updates on John's progress and we will have a full run down of how he gets on in the next issue.

If you are feeling inspired to dust off your trainers, we'd love to have you on our team! With plenty of events out there to choose from there is something to suit everyone - including beginners!

Sense Scotland 2018 Golf Day Coming Soon!



We are pleased to announce we will be hosting another wonderful Golf day later in the year!

If you'd like to register please contact us on 0300 330 9292 or fundraising@sensescotland.org.uk

Get Involved

It's only thanks to your kindness that we can do so much for the people we support. Thank you. If you would like to get more involved with our work get in touch on fundraising@sensescotland.org.uk or call **0300 330 9292**.

A gift in your Will is a lovely way for you to support the work of Sense Scotland for many years to come.

We receive gifts in Wills of all sizes and it's very simple to set up.

To find out more please contact us on 0300 330 9292.

Volunteering is a great way to support our work.

There are a number of roles to get involved from helping at events or in the local community or in one of our offices.

It's a great way to give back and gain some new skills too.

To find out more give us a call!

I would walk 500 miles....

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or
Sunday 16th September, 2018 in Edinburgh

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Thank you!

We are always grateful to our wonderful supporters. Whether you have a home money box, make a regular gift or have taken part in an event - your gifts make a huge difference to the people we support! Here are some of our most recent stories.

A huge thank you to Anya Murray from Inverness who did her school project on Sense Scotland. After learning about what we do and chatting with lots of different teams, she has pledged to fundraise for us through doing chores such as clearing snow off her Grandparents driveway and ironing handkerchiefs. So far she has raised £30 for us and we are incredibly grateful.

Staff and customers at the Victoria Bar Glasgow raised £517 last year from various activities including their collecting can! Well done and thank you to everyone who helped.



A massive thank you to Ramer Sponges who very kindly sponsored our spring appeal.

Ramer Sponges are one of the leading manufacturers of a wide range of high quality, artificial sponges, based here in the UK. We were delighted to partner with them to bring to you the story of how a simple sponge can make a huge difference to the lives of our families!

We were nominated by Capita Glasgow to be the lucky recipient of their Christmas fun day. They raised £1331 through a whole host of fun activities! Thank you to everyone who took part and donated!

PRG Partnership took part in a host of fundraising activities, donating an amazing £3,808.93 towards our work! Thank you to everyone who took part!

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