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Festival fever

Senastronic Lab, our digital music project, teamed up with Indepen-dance, the inclusive dance company, to perform in front of the crowds at the 2018 European Championships in Glasgow this Summer.



The performance, which was part of the Festival 2018 and included an 8 piece band, 16 dancers and featured original music by the group.

The huge crowds didn't faze our group. They all had an amazing time and said they loved every minute of it!



Congratulations to everyone who took part!



Volunteers make a huge difference to our work at Sense Scotland. From those who help in our shops or at our events to those offering us support and services - we are always very grateful.

We were recently awarded the 'Volunteer Friendly Award' from Volunteer Dundee for our Early Years activities. The award highlights organisations that they feel are good at involving volunteers so we were delighted to receive it.

If you are interested in volunteering at Sense Scotland call us on 0300 330 9292.



Earlier this year we opened a new salon to help our budding stylists work towards their next ASDAN.

Thanks to a grant from ASDAN we were able to purchase new equipment including a salon sink and massage bed.

Of course no salon would be complete without uniforms which all of our salon assistants received!

Well done to everyone on achieving their Salon Assistant ASDAN.

Class of 2018

There were so many proud faces at our recent ASDAN awards.



ASDANs are qualifications that provide a framework of activities through which personal, social and independence skills can be developed and accredited for people with disabilities. It offers formal recognition for personal achievements.

This year we recognised 45 people we support who achieved ASDANs in subjects as varied as Photography, Meal Preparation, Geography and Salon Assistant.



The people we support work hard throughout the year on their ASDANs gaining new skills and new confidence and a sense of achievement when they complete the coursework.

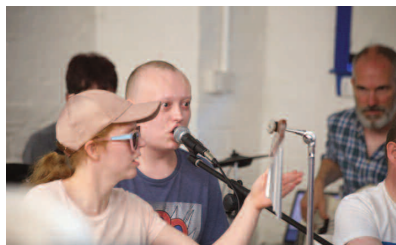
We are so proud of everyone for all their hard work and their latest qualifications. Well done everyone!



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Sensational summer

Music was in the air at our annual summer concert - Summer Sensations.



The concert was organised by our Arts Team and highlighted the range of musical and dancing talent that we have here at Sense Scotland.

It was a jam packed afternoon with music from The TouchBeats and Sensatronic Lab as well as solo performances and dancing from our international dance star Ian.

The sun was shining, and everyone had festival fever! With support from friends, family and fans singing along to the hits we had a great time!



Keep your eyes on our website and social media to make sure you don't miss our next concert.

There have been more exciting developments with our Sensatronic project which featured in the last edition of Loud & Clear.

We were awarded £15,000 from Creative Scotland Youth Music Initiative to help develop a resource kit called Flexi-Lab. The kit will help parents, organisations and schools create their own equipment. This means even more people will be able to benefit from our Sensatronic sessions!

**To find out more visit
www.sensatroniclab.co.uk**



Our very own Happy House!

Our home money boxes have a new happy house to keep them company in our Children and Families Service.

This happy house will provide even more space for the people we support to take part in the activities they love! Lots of fun activities have been planned for the autumn and winter.



It will be a great addition come summer, where our young people will be able to keep cool in the sun...or shelter from the rain - it is Scotland after all!

Our new house was built thanks to a wonderful gift left by one of our supporters in their Will. This will provide years of fun for the people we support and we are so grateful to our lovely supporter for thinking of us. You can find out more about Legacy gifts on page 10.

We are going global!

Our expertise in working in the field of disability is in demand! We were successful in being awarded £1.2m from the Scottish Government to bring our skills and knowledge to Malawi.

The project will work in Northern Malawi with children, young people, families, schools, communities and all traditional and governmental authorities to challenge negative attitudes towards disability, improve access to quality and relevant education and to enable all children regardless of disability to reach their full potential. In everything we do we will use a rights based, social model of disability. It really works - our last project in the area saw access to primary education increase significantly as did the number of children remaining in education.

For more information visit our website or <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/international-development-fund-malawi-projects-2018-2023/>



The Scottish Government
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Green fingers



Staff at our housing service in Kelty have just completed work in their garden and it looks amazing!



The garden has been renovated, complete with a wheelchair swing, garden furniture and lots of lovely plants. Staff and the people we support have also planted raised beds

full of vegetables that they have been using in their cooking. YUM!

Well done to everyone on their hard work - you have done a great job.



Our commitment to providing excellent care to the people we support has been recognised once again.

Earlier this year we were awarded Five Stars by Quality Scotland at the Recognised for Excellence awards.

As well as picking up top marks we were the lucky recipient of the Good Practice Award: Leading with Vision, Inspiration and Integrity.



Step we gaily on we go! Not quite heel to heel or toe to toe but we donned our kilts this summer and walked Glasgow, Dundee and Edinburgh Kiltwalks.

The event is made even more special by the generous 40% additional funding provided by The Hunter Foundation.

Our walkers, including the people we support, walked through all weathers, sun, rain, hail all to raise funds for their favourite charity, Sense Scotland. If you feel that you have missed out this year, why not sign up for next year? Email: fundraising@sensescotland.org.uk for more details.

Shops news

You are always sure to find a bargain in a Sense Scotland shop and there will be even more on offer as we have recently opened two new stores in Kilmarnock and Falkirk.

Both stores stock a range of bric-a-brac, clothing and furniture, so there is sure to be something for everyone.

The Kilmarnock Store is located on 67-69 King Street and the Falkirk store at 49 High Street, so if you are in the area why not pop in, say hello and pick up a bargain?

Our shops are always on the lookout for new donations and volunteers so why not get in touch with your local store to see how you can get involved.

You can find your nearest on our website at sensescotland.org.uk/fundraising/charity-shops.

Staff and Volunteers at our shops are going the extra mile to raise even more money to support our work with their fundraising challenge!

From coffee mornings and cake sales, to tombolas and raffles, every store is planning a wide range of activities.

Visit your local store to find out what they have planned and get involved.

Christmas Shop now open



Our new range of Christmas cards and gifts is on sale now! Place your order today using the enclosed catalogue or visit shop.sensescotland.org.uk.

Our online shop is updated regularly with new items, so make sure you add it to your list of go to online shops.

Remember all proceeds from sales help fund the amazing work that we do, so you can shop til you drop and feel happy knowing you are making a difference to the lives of the people we support!

Event news



TRNSMT Festival returned to Glasgow, bigger and better than ever and once again Sense Scotland was there to support the event on the accessible platform.

We had a fundraising stall offering glitter to those who wished to be glittered. We were an incredible rainbow of colours on a bright and sunny day!

Our efforts paid off, raising an amazing £4,200 for Sense Scotland. Our thanks go to DF Concerts for their continued support and to everyone who travelled from all over Scotland to attend TRNSMT.

And of course the sun shone both weekends!



It seems like only yesterday we were dancing ourselves dizzy at this summer's Ladies Lunch.

Our thanks go to all of our corporate supporters, sponsors and ladies who attended with their friends, family and colleagues. The event was once again an overwhelming success. Thank you. The highlight of our day is always the talk given by one of the families we support.

You can book for next year's lunch today! Join us on Friday 26th April at No. 29, Glasgow. For more information or to book your tickets visit www.sensescotland.org.uk/ladieslunch

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**.



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Many organisations will also match the gift. Speak to your employer to find out more.

We receive Legacy gifts of all sizes and every gift makes a lasting impact so you can be sure you will be making a difference to the lives of the people we support for many years to come.

Once you've taken care of your friends and family, please consider supporting Sense Scotland.

It is easy to set up, you can choose any gift that is right for you, either a set amount or a percentage. We are always so grateful for every Legacy gift we receive.

To find out more call 0300 330 9292 or speak to your solicitor.

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.

Staff and customers of the Victoria Bar raised £1030 after a fantastic quiz night. Thank you to all who took part and for their continued support!



Barnett Waddingham donated £1000 to support TouchBase Glasgow. We can't thank you enough for your continued support!

After another successful luncheon, The Borders Group Ladies continue to raise funds bringing their total to £80,168!



Goldenhill Bowling Club in Clydebank selected us to be the recipient of their annual charity day and raised an incredible £650! Thank you to Jim for nominating us and the members for organising such a great day!

Asda Bishopbriggs raised £200 for toys and equipment for our children's Twinkle Tots group!

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