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Welcome!

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LDAN Bill Consultation

The Scottish Government has a plan for a new law they think will make life better for people with learning disabilities. This will be called the Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill. Before they write the Bill, the Scottish Government wants to hear what people with learning disabilities think about their proposed ideas.

If you care for someone with a learning disability, please consider asking them to share their views – or share your own experiences – at bit.ly/ldan-bill, where you can also find several resources about the Bill.

Fundraising Opportunities

Sense Scotland is a charity. Many of our services rely on funding from trusts, foundations and the public. We need to raise at least £1million every year. Can you, your family, friends or employer help? To find out more about our fundraising activities and opportunities, please sign up to our fundraising newsletter at bit.ly/sense-scotland-fundraising, give the team a call on 0300 330 9292 or email us at fundraising@sensescotland.org.uk.



2024 Kiltwalks

This month, we wanted to highlight the upcoming 2024 Kiltwalks - Scotland's largest mass participation walking event – which you can take part in for free and raise vital funds for Sense Scotland.

The Fundraising team are calling on all people we support, their parents, carers, and extended family, to consider taking part in one of the four upcoming Kiltwalks in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh – you choose the location and distance, and the team will do the rest.

A list of the upcoming Kiltwalks can be found below. To sign up, visit sensescotland.org.uk/kiltwalk.

- Glasgow Kiltwalk – Sunday, 28 April
- Aberdeen Kiltwalk – Sunday, 2 June
- Dundee Kiltwalk – Sunday, 11 August
- Edinburgh Kiltwalk – Sunday, 15 September

If you fancy doing the Glasgow Kiltwalk, we're having a signup party at TouchBase Glasgow on Thursday, 7 March between 10am and 2pm. Come along for a day filled with fun activities and great atmosphere! If you can't make it but still want to contribute, our Fundraising team is looking for donations for a raffle – get in touch at fundraising@sensescotland.org.uk if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts you don't mind giving away.

Supernova Kelpies

Want something a little more fast-paced? Join us for a 5K run at the Kelpies in Falkirk on Friday, 14 March at 8pm. Find out more and sign up for free at sensescotland.org.uk/supernova-kelpies/.

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Connect – Online via Zoom – Wednesday, 28 February, 10am – 11am

Come along and join us online for a catch up and a cuppa. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with parents/carers from over the country and speak with one of Sense Scotland's advisors. Book your free slot at bit.ly/3Oc2WbK.

Connect and Play – TouchBase Glasgow – Sunday, 17 March – 10am -1pm (Drop-in)

Our next Connect and Play session for children aged 0 - 12 with communication and sensory support needs, their siblings and family, will take place at TouchBase Glasgow. Come along and take part in Easter-themed activities. Book your free slot at bit.ly/42ALJyR.

Connect and Play – TouchBase Ayrshire – Sunday, 24 March – 10am -1pm (Drop-in)

We are also holding an Easter-themed Connect and Play session at TouchBase Ayrshire. Book your free slot at bit.ly/49cVhCF.

Twinkle Tots – TouchBase Glasgow – Every Tuesday, 10:30am – 12pm

Twinkle Tots is our Early Years team's weekly toddler group for children aged under five with additional support needs. Book your free slot at bit.ly/twinkle-tots-2024.

Please let us know what you think of Care and Connect. Send your feedback to communications@sensescotland.org.uk. You can find older issues at sensescotland.org.uk/care-and-connect.