

Care and Connect *for families*



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Welcome!

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Employee of the Year

Our Staff and Volunteer Awards are due to take place again this October! Like previous years, we need your help to choose our Employee of the Year - an outstanding individual that has had a significant impact on the lives of the people we support and their family members. If you or the person you care for would like to nominate a member of staff, you can nominate them online at bit.ly/SAVA2025employee. Nominations close at 5pm on Friday, 22 August.

Loud and Clear

The Summer 2025 issue of Loud and Clear, our newsletter for Sense Scotland supporters, is out now! In this special 40th Anniversary Edition, Heather McCrae and Dr Paul Hart reflect on their 30+ years of practice and the incredible impact Sense Scotland has made to the lives of so many individuals and families. You can also read about two very special people – Alison and Peter – who have been supported by Sense Scotland for all of their adult lives to live rich and fulfilling lives despite the challenges of deafblindness.

To read the issue online, go to sensescotland.org.uk/loud-and-clear. To request a physical copy, contact our Fundraising team at fundraising@sensescotland.org.uk or phone us on 0300 330 9292.

Edinburgh Fringe

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe runs from 1 - 24 August this year, and there are many enhanced performances - shows which are audio-described, BSL-interpreted, captioned, relaxed, and accessible in other ways. To find a full list of these performances, go to edfringe.com/experience/accessibility.

Care Inspectorate Website

The Care Inspectorate are working on developing a new website to make it easier for you and those across the social care sector to find the information you need, at the right time and in the right way — and they need your help. The Care Inspectorate are inviting people to take part in user research surveys to help inform their decisions, and to ensure they are building a website that truly works for all those who use it.

If you would like to take part in this research, please go to surveymonkey.com/r/Public_care_inspectorate_survey.

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.

Psychic Night with Norah Howie

Don't miss one of the most celebrated psychic mediums, Norah Howie, as she delivers messages of love and comfort in aid of Sense Scotland's 40th Anniversary. Psychic performer Norah will leave you stunned by her breathtaking accuracy and compassion as she conducts an evening of intimate communication with your loved ones. Come along to Glasgow's Grand Ole Opry on Thursday, 18 September – book your tickets at sensescotland.org.uk/psychic-night.

40th Anniversary Ball

Glitz and glamour more your thing? Why not join us at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum on Saturday, 15 November and celebrate our 40th Anniversary in style. Enjoy a wonderful event hosted by top host Alex Fleming and with entertainment from nine-piece band Big Vern 'n' the Shootahs, with platinum, gold, and silver tables to choose from. Book now at sensescotland.org.uk/anniversary-ball.

Upcoming Events

Twinkle Tots – Every Wednesday, 10:30am – TouchBase Lanarkshire

Our weekly toddler group for children aged 0 - 5 with additional support needs continues at our TouchBase in Lanarkshire (43 Leys Park, Hamilton). Book your tickets at <https://bit.ly/twinkle-tots-25> or email advisory@sensescotland.org.uk to find out more.

Connect and Play – Sunday, 3 August – TouchBase Glasgow

Come along to our drop-in session at TouchBase Glasgow from 10am – 1pm and take part in summer-themed activities! These sessions are suitable for children aged 0 - 12 with communication and sensory support needs, their siblings, and family. Due to messy activities, old clothes are recommended. Book your free ticket at bit.ly/connect-play-tbg-aug-25.

Connect and Play – Saturday, 23 August – TouchBase Ayrshire

Come along to our drop-in session at TouchBase Ayrshire from 10am – 1pm and take part in summer-themed activities! These sessions are suitable for children aged 0 - 12 with communication and sensory support needs, their siblings, and family. Due to messy activities, old clothes are recommended. Book your free ticket at bit.ly/connect-play-tba-aug-25.

Coffee and Connect – Tuesday, 26 August – TouchBase Glasgow

Come along to our in-person wellbeing-themed Coffee and Connect session for parents and carers of people with additional support needs, and catch up with families across the country, along with Sense Scotland's advisors. Book your free ticket at bit.ly/coffee-connect-aug-25.

Please let us know what you think of Care and Connect. Send your feedback to communications@sensescotland.org.uk.

You can find past issues at sensescotland.org.uk/care-and-connect.