

Care and Connect *for families*



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Paradise Zine

We're excited to announce that Issue #1 of our Paradise Zine is available to buy in our online shop.

Through our Paradise project, we asked people we support across Scotland to respond through any creative art form to express their ideas of absolute contentment, delight, and bliss.

Some of this work is a collaboration between support staff and people we support, and some are independent creations or expressions from participants in themed arts and music sessions.

You can get a sneak peek at the Zine and buy a copy for yourself at sensescotland.org.uk/product/paradise-zine-issue-1.

Sight Village 2026

On Tuesday, 17 March, Sight Village will return to Glasgow Science Centre! Sight Village is the UK's leading exhibition for blind and low-vision communities, offering an exciting opportunity to explore the latest technology, products and services, and enjoy interactive seminars while connecting with experts. You can book your tickets at tickettailor.com/events/sightvillage/1966819.

Journeys

Sense Scotland's Arts team are excited to announce *Journeys* – a new art exhibition featuring artwork created by the people we support in sessions across the country. The exhibition will take place at Project Ability, 103 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HD, from Thursday, 5 March to Tuesday, 24 March. Project Ability is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11am – 5pm. Members of Sense Scotland's Arts team will be on hand at specific times during this period – stay tuned to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sensescotlandcharity) to find out when they'll be there.

There will also be an online exhibition on our website. More information on the online exhibition will soon be available on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sensescotlandcharity).

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.

Sporting Dinner

There are only a few tickets left for our first-ever Sporting Dinner at the Mouldsdale Foundation!

Enjoy fantastic guest speakers, auctions, a prize draw, a glass of fizz upon arrival, a three-course dinner, as well as access to the museum – with a breathtaking collection of over 400 classic cars and motorbikes – all to raise funds for the people we support.

Sponsored by the Mouldsdale Foundation, the event will be hosted by Alex Fleming (who hosted our 40th Anniversary Ball) and will feature two exciting guest speakers: British racing driver Ben Collins, better known as the Man in the White Suit (formerly The Stig on Top Gear), alongside renowned motoring journalist Jonny Smith, former Fifth Gear host and founder and frontman of The Late Brake Show.

To find out more and book your tickets, visit www.sensescotland.org.uk/sporting-dinner/ or call us on 0300 330 9292.

Fundraising Events for 2026

Our Fundraising team have put together a fantastic calendar of events for 2026 (and beyond), including four Kiltwalks, a zipline, a fire walk, a charity lunch, and a psychic night. You can sign up for the events currently open for registration at www.sensescotland.org.uk/fundraising-events, and make sure to sign up to our fundraising newsletter at bit.ly/sense-scotland-fundraising to hear about new events as they are announced.

Upcoming Events

Connect and Play – Saturday, 7 March (10am – 1pm) – TouchBase Ayrshire

Join our Early Years team for a Connect and Play session at TouchBase Ayrshire (41 Princes Street, Ardrossan). Drop-in any time between 10am and 1pm and take part in spring-themed activities. These sessions are suitable for children aged 0 - 12 with communication and sensory support needs, their siblings, and families. To book your free ticket, visit bit.ly/connect-play-tba-march-26.

Connect and Play – Sunday, 22 March (10am – 1pm) – TouchBase Glasgow

Join our Early Years team for a Connect and Play session at TouchBase Glasgow (43 Middlesex Street, Glasgow). Drop-in any time between 10am and 1pm and take part in spring-themed activities. These sessions are suitable for children aged 0 - 12 with communication and sensory support needs, their siblings, and families. To book your free ticket, visit bit.ly/connect-play-tbg-march-26.

Coffee & Connect (Walk & Talk) – Tuesday, 24 March (10am – 1pm) – Drumpellier Country Park

Our Early Years and Advisory team are excited to announce that our next Coffee & Connect for parents and carers of people with additional support needs will be a Walk & Talk event. Join the team and other parents and carers at Drumpellier Country Park in Coatbridge on Tuesday, 24 March, where we'll grab some fresh air and stop for a coffee. To book your free ticket, visit bit.ly/coffee-connect-march-26. If you have any questions, email advisory@sensescotland.org.uk.

Bingo Night – Friday, 27 March (7pm – 11pm) – TouchBase Dunbartonshire

Join TouchBase Dunbartonshire (59 Springfield Road, Bishopbriggs) from 7pm to 11pm and enjoy a night of bingo and other fun games. This event is bring your own bottle and will have hot drinks and hot dogs on offer for a small cost. Entry costs £10 and includes a five-game bingo book. Contact TouchBase Dunbartonshire on 0141 772 5588 to purchase your tickets!

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.