



Last month, teams from CrossReach enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. It is always enjoyable to speak to our supporters and friends and particularly encouraging to hear that the work of CrossReach is being upheld in prayer by so many congregations and groups, across the country.

## Here are some of the highlights from the week:



Our Makaton Choir from CrossReach Threshold Glasgow, were invited to lead the worship one afternoon. They chose the Hymn 'Be Still for the Presence of the Lord' and were given a standing ovation by the Assembly.

- ▶ [Meet the Makaton Choir](#)
- ▶ [Watch the Makaton Choir at the General Assembly](#)

The Heart for Art team alongside volunteers and artists enjoyed being able to showcase their paintings in the Martin Hall each day. It was a chance to share their work with commissioners and chat about future opportunities for growing the programme in new areas.

- ▶ [Find out more about the work of Heart for Art](#)



We welcomed the Lord High Commissioner, The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward to Simpson House. The Prince was able to meet with some of our clients and see first hand the positive impact that our support has on over 150 children and young people every year.

- ▶ [Duke of Edinburgh visits Sunflower Garden](#)



The delivery of the CrossReach report updated the Assembly of the many stories of hope that it is our privilege to witness every day. It also highlighted the growing concern of the challenges that face social care in Scotland. It asked the Church of Scotland to support the work of CrossReach in 6 specific areas which can be viewed by watching the link below.

▶ [Watch full report](#)

We were sad to bid farewell to Rev Thom Riddell, as he retired from the post of Convener of the Social Care Council and Chair of the CrossReach board after many dedicated years of service. We were equally delighted to welcome Dr Mike Cantlay to begin in this role. Mike is a familiar friend to CrossReach and we are thankful for his ongoing commitment.

▶ [Goodbye Rev Thom Riddell](#)

▶ [Hello Dr Mike Cantlay](#)



The work of CrossReach was featured in the BBC General Assembly programme which aired on Sunday 28th May 2024. Work from our Whiteinch Move On Service, and our Children's Residential Service, Dumbrock House featured. As our staff, Phil, Malcolm and Philomena spoke about the work they do and why they do it.

▶ [Watch Programme](#)

The CrossReach Impact Report is now available to view. We are extremely proud of the achievements of our talented workforce, our dedicated volunteers and the hard work and efforts of our supported people and those within their families and networks. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed writing it.

▶ [Link to Impact Report](#)



We are delighted to be a Project Partner with the Church of Scotland Guild. Together we will support families at Sunflower Garden in Edinburgh and Daisy Chain in Glasgow. Daisy Chain is a community based, inclusive, early intervention project for children under 12, and their families and at Sunflower Garden we will support specialist perinatal therapy with creche support.

▶ [Further Information](#)

## Join our growing team of staff and volunteers

We would value support in making our vacancies known to those in your congregations who may be interested in a career within care. Listed below are the links to services and job opportunities in the presbyteries below. A full list of job vacancies within CrossReach can be [found here](#).

North East and  
Northern Isles

Clyde

Edinburgh &  
West Lothian

Fife

Forth Valley &  
Clydesdale

Glasgow

Lothian &  
Borders

Perth

Highlands &  
Hebrides

Lewis

The South West

Testimonials

Employee  
Benefits

Are you, or someone you know supported by CrossReach and would like to recognise the work and dedication that one of our teams or members of staff has shown? If so, then you might consider nominating them for one of our annual recognition awards – you can find all the information and nomination forms here - [Employee Awards 2024 | CrossReach](#)

## Keep in touch

We would love to hear from you about ways which we can work together to build existing relationships and start new ones. Please feel free to get in touch with any of our team.



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