

'Groundbreaking' Campus in Erskine

CrossReach has announced ambitious plans to open a 'first class' education campus in Renfrewshire. The new development in Erskine will provide a high standard of education for around 30 looked after children, aged 8-16 years. The campus is being delivered by Portakabin Scotland and comprises of modular buildings, which will be built off-site and craned into position in April. CrossReach Chief Executive Viv Dickenson, who broke the ground at the site at Erskine Waterfront to formally start the building work said: "This is an exciting day for CrossReach as work commences on our new education campus. Our existing staff team and their pupils are looking forward to moving into bright, modern classrooms containing all the facilities they need to make it a first class learning environment. We have been delighted with the welcome already extended by the local community and look forward to building on the good relationships already in place as we develop the outdoor areas and explore ways of working together." CrossReach has been providing residential care and education for children, who for various reasons cannot live with their families, for more than 25 years. Over the last four years, there has been a move away from CrossReach's larger care and education provisions at Geilsland School in Beith and Ballikinrain School near Balfron to a model of smaller community houses, which will be clustered round a central education hub. CrossReach is leasing the ground from Renfrewshire Council and expects to take possession of the campus at the end of May. The existing education team and pupils will move from their current base in Ballikinrain to the Erskine site in August for the start of the new school year.



New research undertaken by CrossReach Counselling



Head of Service (Children and Family) Jacqui Lindsay and Anne Goldie, manager of the Tom Allan Centre in Glasgow, recently undertook some research into the outcomes from the counselling which CrossReach offers. This research is currently featured at MissionBox - a global online and connection hub for non-profit organisations and charities. Both Jacqui and Anne found the research 'energising and exciting', and there were some surprises in the results. For example, a client aged seventy, was finally able to move on with her life to the

extent that, from living a very limited life that had always been shadowed by severe depression, she was able to travel to the developing world and work with children in an orphanage. To read the adaptation of Jacqui and Anne's work, please use this link: bit.ly/CrossReachResearchMB

Heart for Art Exhibition

Members of Heart for Art's Edinburgh group recently held an exhibition of their artwork in the Charteris Centre in the Pleasance. The participants, all of whom have dementia, meet fortnightly in the former Kirk O'Field Church which is now a 'centre for community' with halls, meeting rooms and office space. Hazel, who has been coming to the the class for 18 months, said: "The group has given me the chance to be somebody, even if it's just a little somebody, but it's a better than a nothing somebody." Hazel originally discovered the group through attending an I.T. workshop at Charteris Centre as Heart for Art project worker Laura Macleod explained: "When the space was being set up for our group she enquired what it was and has been coming ever since. Hazel is a wonderful character and is fabulous at sharing stories and uses her artwork as a snapshot of these stories. She enjoys the company and has found a real home at Heart for Art." You can watch a video of Hazel and her paintings at: www.facebook.com/CrossReach1869



COMPETITION

Design a CrossReach Christmas Card for 2018

We will print the winning entry as a card and sell it through the CrossReach Christmas Card & Calendar Collection 2018 catalogue and website. The Winner will receive a certificate and a supply of their winning design as printed Christmas Cards.

Competition Guidelines

- › The card must be an original design
- › Submit your card design on a sheet of paper/card no larger than A3 size
- › Computer generated designs must be original and printed out as a hard copy
- › Avoid textures, 3D effects or metallic colours, which can be difficult to reproduce in print
- › You can suggest a Greeting and/or Bible verse for your design
- › Please enclose an appropriate stamped addressed envelope if you wish your design(s) returned to you

The competition is open to all supporters of CrossReach of any age.

Remember to write the name of the person or group who designed the card, age (if age 16 or under) and a contact person's name, address and telephone number on the back of each entry.

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