

## Ailsa's Story

I was born and lived in Halifax with Mum, Dad, three older brothers and a younger sister. We attended church and Sunday school growing up and then youth activities.

Mum and Dad were doctors and we moved to South Africa then back to the UK. Dad was then a minister for ten years and when they retired we moved to the Borders of Scotland. I moved with them and then later to be nearer my brother.

In Dumfries I met a lady at the Community Centre Group and she invited me to her church. I enjoyed meeting people and started going to the Sunday services and became part of the church family. I was on rotas for cleaning and teas and coffees.

We had a 'Friends together' gathering at the lady's flat weekly then later we joined Prospects Across Scotland as a group. In June 2020 when Covid lockdowns started we went on Prospects Zoom meeting as a group. I have learned more about Jesus in our Precious Gems monthly group, at Bible Buddies study group and enjoyed the coffee mornings, drama and music groups. Thank you.

**Ailsa McVay**



## Training

We offer a variety of training courses in-person and online to support churches in welcoming and including people with learning disabilities and autism.

If you are interested please check our website or email [hilary.lacroix@prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk](mailto:hilary.lacroix@prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk)

If you would like more information about any aspect of our sessions, or support that we might be able to offer, please do get in touch. We aim to make training very affordable for churches regardless of size.

## Tulliallan Holiday Weekend 2024



In May we had a joyful holiday weekend at Tulliallan - full of praise and worship, fun, meeting with friends and especially our best friend Jesus. Around 130 people attended the weekend - people with learning disabilities and their supporters and friends.

Someone said at the weekend,  
**"Nice to have friends at Tulliallan. Lovely weekend Oh yes, Oh yes. Think all the people are so caring and loving. God will be so happy".**



## Group news

### Lerwick Friends of Jesus Group

We are always happy to hear from our groups and want to share an update from the Lerwick group, Shetland.

The group meet at Quoys Baptist Church. Ann and Dawn run the group with the help of others. Like many groups there is always a need for more helpers and they would be delighted to hear from anyone in the area willing to join them.



There are normally twelve precious people who go along and three carers and they love meeting together as a family.

They start off with a prayer then their family song followed by saying the Lord's Prayer together with signs. They have a chapter from the Jesus storybook Bible. Different members of their church are asked to come along and read the chapter so that they can meet new church members and they all get to know each other better.

In the last few months they have introduced activity tables including a jigsaw puzzle, games, art table and a craft table. They are also hoping to get an exercise area which will be run by two very willing teenage girls.

They would value ongoing prayer that God will provide enough helpers to keep the group running.

## Fundraising update

We have been blessed again this year by the generous giving of so many groups and individuals. We are delighted, as at the beginning of September, the total money raised was **£14,609.30**

With your help and prayers we can reach our target of £20,000. Thank you.



## Future events

- ◆ Annual Celebration & AGM Saturday 26th October, Brightons Parish Church 12 noon
- ◆ Carol Concert, Saturday 30th November, Inchinnan Parish Church 2pm

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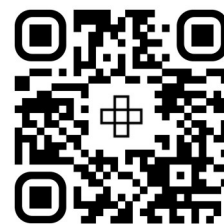
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Website <https://www.prospectscrossscotland.org.uk/>

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## Supporting the work of Prospects Across Scotland

- By praying - if you don't already get our prayer diary please ask Jennifer [admin@prospectscrossscotland.org.uk](mailto:admin@prospectscrossscotland.org.uk)
- By giving financially - either a one-off gift or by monthly standing order – see details on our website or contact Ivy. You may also scan our QR code with your mobile phone to access our charity's Stewardship Partner Profile and give a gift.



- Leave a gift to PAS in your will
- By shopping - register with Give as you live <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/> Please remember to use our full name **Prospects Across Scotland** when registering
- By offering practical help as a Trustee, in groups and at events.

## Funders

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