

Seamab's new school for Care & Education

September 2024 Update

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Our new school takes shape

We are thrilled to update you on progress with the new school build. During the summer months, our main contractor, local company, Algo, undertook all of the enabling works to prepare the site for construction. The building is now quickly starting to take shape with the foundations in place and the main steelwork structure almost complete.

In the coming months the sub-structure walls will be constructed. The ground floor and first floor will take shape by the end of the year and looking ahead, we expect the new school to be wind and watertight by spring / summer 2025 to allow internal fit-out before our teachers and children prepare to move in.



Occupying 1,100m², over two floors, we will have almost double the space we have now to teach and learn. Our architects have applied trauma-informed design to each of the spaces and our 6 classrooms will each have a bathroom, smartboard, direct outdoor access for flexible learning and access to a dedicated quiet space for when children are struggling to regulate emotions.



The central 'street' corridor will have large roof windows to maximise natural light and connection with nature and wall 'nooks' where children can sit, read or play. Our children will now have access to the same indoor gym facilities and lunch hall as a mainstream school and no longer miss out on opportunities to develop social skills, team-working, competitiveness and fitness.

Our commitment to sustainability remains strong and we've integrated energy-efficient features including solar panels and rainwater harvesting systems, ensuring the school will have a minimal environmental impact.

Meet the team

Seamab's Trustee and former Chair, Chris Stewart, has assembled a design and project team including [3DReid](#), [Thomas & Adamson](#), [Thomson Gray](#), [Rybka](#), [Will Rudd](#), [Harrison Stevens](#), [Studio LBA](#) and [Davidson Chalmers Stewart](#) which are contributing generously to the project and his own team at the [Chris Stewart Group](#) are providing professional support free of charge.



Chris Stewart (Chris Stewart Group) and Andrew Bateman (3DReid) checking plans on site.

All of our donors and friends are a fundamental part of the team and have made every aspect of the project possible.

Stay involved

Thank you for being part of this transformative project. Our new school has been designed with our children's traumatic histories at the forefront. It is an expression of our vision that our children and young people need love and respect to thrive, to enjoy their childhood, and to have every opportunity to achieve their potential. With your help, we are making sure our children can look forward to a more hopeful and brighter future.



We would love to invite you to come and visit the site, hear more about how the school is developing and our plans for completing the fundraising campaign.

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Meanwhile, all of Seamab's work continues...

As well as the new school build, we have strengthened relationships with local authorities across Scotland to ensure that we can provide children and young people with the specialised support that they need, opened a new community residential service for older children near Linlithgow, and developed our Therapy Team to provide a wider range of therapeutic support for young people.

Building confidence and self-esteem

Funded by the Gannochy Trust Youth Panel Fund, in February this year, six of our children went on their first ever holiday.

In the lead up to the trip they were able to go shopping for clothing, footwear and food supplies then spent a week swimming, mountain biking, playing 5 a-side football, tennis, aerial adventures, football pool, golf and even some teddy bear making.



"I've never been so full of energy! I'm bursting full of adrenalin! This is my best ever time."

"I never want to leave. Can I stay forever? I have never been happier."

The trip changed our children's lives. Their confidence and self-esteem improved and, months later, they are still recounting the experience with joy and happiness.

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