

Royal appointment shines light on disability charity

Duchess of Edinburgh steps into historic role with leading charity

The disability charity Capability Scotland has welcomed Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh as its new Royal patron, continuing a longstanding connection with the Royal Family.

The Duchess of Edinburgh's appointment comes at a significant moment for Capability Scotland, which has been at the forefront of supporting disabled people for over 75 years. The announcement aligns with International Day of People with Disabilities, a fitting moment to highlight the charity's commitment to empowering disabled people and promoting inclusivity.



Former Royal patron, Prince Philip, The late Duke of Edinburgh, supported the charity for over six decades which included visits to Capability Scotland's facilities, such as the opening of Upper Springland in Perth, and the 60th-anniversary celebrations in 2006.

The Duchess of Edinburgh has already demonstrated her interest in the charity's work, with recent visits to its Riccarton campus and Craigmillar Hub.

During her visit to Craigmillar earlier this year, Her Royal Highness engaged with service users and staff, toured the sensory and art spaces, and received a heartfelt gift created by those supported at the hub.

As Royal Patron, The Duchess will lend her support to Capability Scotland's mission, attending key events such as its 80th-anniversary celebrations and engaging with the charity's transformative work.

Her role will also include recognising and celebrating the

efforts of the charity's staff and volunteers.

Brian Logan, Chief Executive of Capability Scotland, welcomed the news, highlighting the importance of the ongoing Royal support: "We are incredibly honoured to welcome The Duchess of Edinburgh as our new Royal Patron. Her passion for championing the rights of disabled people and her connection to our cause is inspiring.

"The Duchess has already shown great interest in our work through her visits, engaging with the people we support and learning about the wide range of services we provide.

"Her involvement will undoubtedly help us shine a spotlight on the challenges faced by disabled people in Scotland, while also celebrating their achievements.

"This appointment continues a remarkable legacy of Royal support for Capability Scotland, which began with The late Duke of Edinburgh more than 60 years ago. Her Royal Highness's patronage is a testament to the importance of our mission, and we look forward to working together to create a more inclusive and equitable society for disabled people."

Capability Scotland has been championing the rights of disabled people since its foundation in 1946. It provides essential services across the country, helping individuals live independently and achieve their goals.

The charity leads in fostering inclusivity and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Capability Scotland has been delivering exemplary care, support, and education for disabled children and adults with complex needs across Scotland for over 75 years.

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