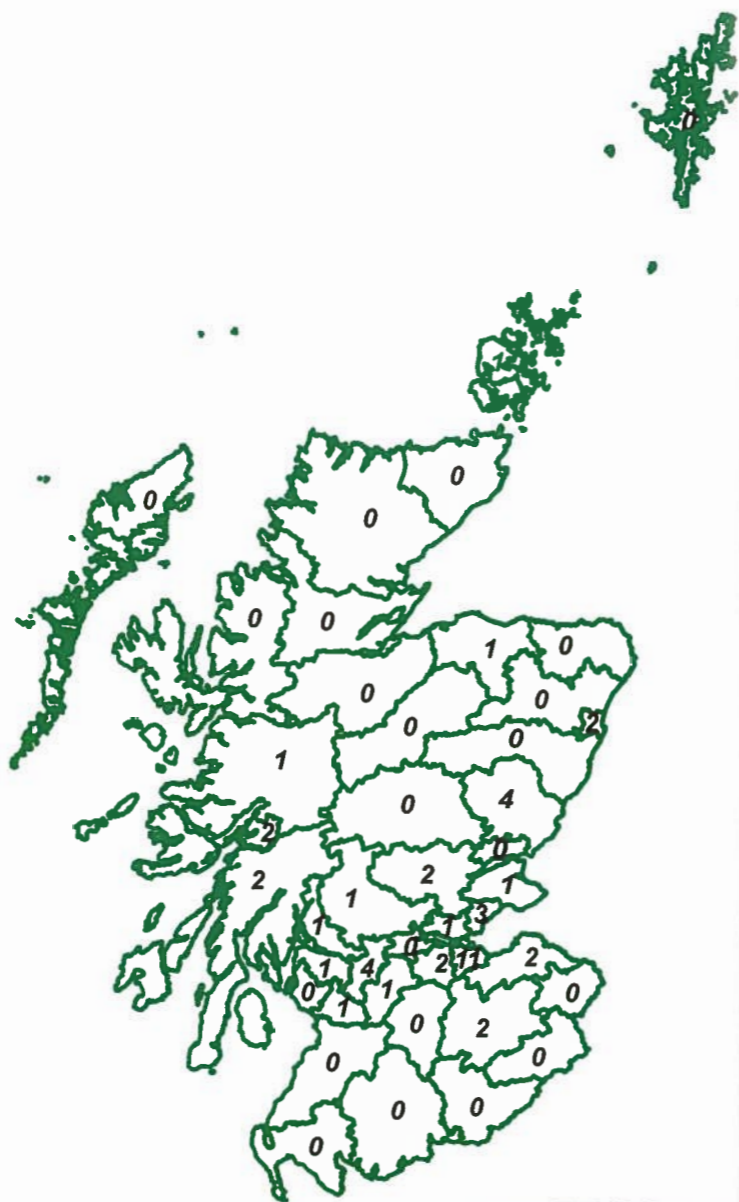




# LEADERS

Of the main leader or contact person:

- 61% are female
- 27% elders; 6% congregation members; 41% minsters; 26% other staff
- 47% had no training; 16% had attended Fresh Expressions training; 10% had attended M&D training events; 51% described other training.
- 47% are voluntary; 47% centrally paid; 6% locally paid



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# PEOPLE ON THE WAY:

## FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

In 2013, the "A Time to Grow" report challenged every parish to develop a new expression or experience of Church. We carried out some initial research into how congregations across Scotland are carrying this out, and this is what you told us.

If you were not part of this first stage, please contact [mandd@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:mandd@churchofscotland.org.uk) to make sure you're included in the next stage.



### PEOPLE

- 1,816 people (excluding 2,500 for Sanctuary)
- Equivalent to 23 average Church of Scotland congregations (54 incl Sanctuary)
- 77% - 1,405 do not attend another form of church
- For every 1 person that started in leadership, 1.8 people now attend (4.3 incl Sanctuary)



### GROUPS

- 48% meet mid-week; 16% Saturday; 45% Sunday
- 46% meet weekly; 8% fortnightly; 35% monthly; 10% less often
- 35% work ecumenically
- 21% meet away from church buildings
- Average age of group - 4 1/3 years (mean); 3 1/3 years (median)
- 22% celebrated communion; 22% had baptisms
- 27% were "Messy Church" – others a variety
- 47% felt they had succeeded in reaching people who had never been to church
- 44% felt they'd been successful in reaching people who had been to church in the past
- 67% were reaching a NETWORK of people, rather than a place; 31% were equally reaching a PLACE and a NETWORK; 2% were reaching a PLACE

