



# Newsletter

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2010 was a quite a remarkable year of achievement for Kiran's Trust. Thanks to the fantastic support of people like you, we were able to increase our Creative Arts awards at Larbert High School to include Music and Writing. It was a fantastic first full year, with fundraising from disco, bingo, pub quiz and ASDA bag packing events, Central Taekwondo's annual fundraiser and a great membership enrollment.

2011 will bring more challenges as we continue with our plan to extend our giving to support more young people in more locations and subjects. This will require sustained fundraising and increased energy to help spread our reach so check out [www.kiranstrust.org](http://www.kiranstrust.org) and Facebook to find out ways you can get involved this year.

Talking about energy, why don't you expend some and fulfill a New Year's resolution by challenging yourself to do something for Kiran's Trust?

If you look around you can see many events organised throughout the year where you can get involved and raise some money along the way. A lot of people are already involved in doing walks, running, bike riding, etc. and think hey, I could raise a couple of pounds doing this!!!

All the best for 2011!



Kiran, Easter 2007



Our new website is live and can be found at [www.kiranstrust.org](http://www.kiranstrust.org). Here you'll find everything about why we created a charity, how we run it, about Kiran, company reports, newsletter archive, events calendar and some of Kiran's photos and artwork. Thanks go to our friends at Ideas, Falkirk who created it and donated the brand image for Kiran's Trust.

Our membership continues to grow and so far 53 people have joined, receiving a pack of cards of Kiran's own work as a thank you. If you'd like to become a member for a minimum donation of £10, then click the 'Membership' link on the home page of our web and then the 'Become a Member' button.

If you have any questions or want to get in touch for any reason then email us at [info@kiranstrust.org](mailto:info@kiranstrust.org) and we'll be happy to respond.

## SPOTLIGHT on Victoria

As we mentioned in the October newsletter our art scholar, Victoria continues to show creativity and maturity in Art and Design and is working hard towards gaining her Higher Art and Design. We recently caught up with Victoria and asked her what she was up to.

She told us, "At the moment I am working through my higher in Art and Design, and love it. I am also looking forward to beginning my Advanced Higher this year. Art has always been my favourite subject in school, even finger painting in Primary School. But now it's much more focussed and gives me time to work to a better standard. I like having to keep going until something is as good as I can make it, despite it taking me hours and hours."



One of Victoria's works

She went on to say, "I received the 2009-2010 INEOS Award for Art & Design at the Larbert High Prize-Giving, which has given me more confidence in my work. And this Scholarship has opened up a new range of Arts to me, such as Sculpture and Textiles. I am definitely encouraged by this Scholarship and thankful to Kiran's Trust." I think you'll agree with us that she is indeed a very talented young lady.

## 2011 Outreach

This coming year to we have plans to extend our reach. So in addition to already established Scholarships and Summer Prizes we are looking to establish some support programs in primary schools in the Falkirk area. We have started a partnership with Head of Muir Primary School in Denny. Our overall aim is to develop and establish a model that will work with a central secondary school and its associated primaries.

Other programs that we will be working towards in 2011 will be in Art in the Fife area, Music/vocal coaching in Falkirk and working with Kiran's friend and junior golf champion, Louise MacGregor, to develop a tournament for juniors at Falkirk Golf Club. We will update at [www.kiranstrust.org](http://www.kiranstrust.org) and Facebook as we confirm each of these programs.

## 2011 Events

We know it was a quiet end to 2010 but there were two reasons for that. The first we understand the financial climate isn't good and in the lead up to Christmas people can do with one less thing to lay out. We, of course, were also planning 2011!!! So we have the following for you to enjoy this year.....

A Band Night, pub quizzes, an under 16 band night, Kiran's Bingo Night, a Fashion Show and Disco. We'll also be taking a few cars to the Stirling car boot sale again and having another bag packing at ASDA, Stenhousemuir. So lots of options for you to attend and enjoy!

## Operation Smartie

This continues to be a fun way to raise money. We've given out lots of tubes of Smarties over the last year and received them back filled with 20 pences. When you consider that each tube, when full, holds up to £12.40, then the total donation quickly mounts up. If you'd like to do this we'd be more than happy to get some tubes to you. Just let us know. Meanwhile well done to Jordyn our 'Smartie' co-ordinator..!!

## The North Sea Cycle Route



This is the North Sea Cycle Route. It's just over 6000km and travels through Scotland, England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and back across to Shetland. In 2003 the route was awarded a Guinness record certificate confirming that it is the world's longest cycle route. Yes, you guessed, it we have someone who is going to cycle this route in the summer!!

Our friend Duncan Leith is no ordinary long distance cyclist. He has been doing this sport for the past 25 years and his list of achievements makes us dizzy just reading it:

- Land's End to John O' Groats 3 times
- Cuba end to end
- The tour of Corsica
- Atlantic to Mediterranean across the Pyrenees.
- And to round that off... The Alps.

For more than 30 years Duncan wrote prolifically for the comics Beano, Dandy, Beezer, Topper, as well as the ever popular Christmas Annuals. He is now retired and when he's not in the saddle he's writing books or his new love painting.

We will be setting up a Just Giving Site, Facebook page and working on a tracking system up to follow him on this journey.

Thanks in advance to Duncan's local pub, The Larachmhor, for pledging their support.

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## Central Academy of Taekwondo

Central will be holding their 3rd Kiran's Trust Display on Thursday 12th May 2011 at Carronshore Community Centre, Falkirk. This a great night to see skills on display from all ages and in many unusual settings for the discipline sport of Taekwondo.

Central Academy of Taekwondo was established in November 1993, and quickly established itself and expanded to include other sports centres in the region and continues to develop elite athletes.

Our own association with Central goes back almost as far with Hollie and then Kiran working their way solidly up the ranks of the sport to become senior members.

Our current association is of course our scholars, Joe and Jordyn, both of whom are preparing for this year's British Championships in June.



Kiran with Master Bailey, May 2003 after she achieved 3rd Dan.