



Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Newsletter from Kiran's Trust

This will be the first of three or four newsletters a year that we will produce and send out to you. We want you to see all the exciting things that we are doing at Kiran's Trust.



First though an introduction to say what Kiran's Trust is and more importantly who Kiran was.

On the 15th of May 2008 Kiran Martin died at the age of 18.

Kiran collapsed with a brain hemorrhage in September 2007. She

underwent a surgical procedure to remove a tumour from her brain stem however, in March 2008 she started radiotherapy for the tumor which had started to regrow. That treatment proved to be unsuccessful and Kiran passed away.

Kiran, from Carron, Falkirk, was one of the most alive and vibrant people you could ever meet. Her passion was art in all its forms, music and her friends. She attended Larbert High School and had started at Cardonald College in Glasgow to study art. Kiran was a student of Central Taekwondo Academy from the age of seven, achieving her 3rd Dan in April 2003 at age 14. She won many sparring and pattern medals.

After Kiran's collapse and surgery, many of her friends and colleagues got together to raise a few hundred pounds to put towards a wheelchair and her rehabilitation. This target was achieved and quickly overtaken by a substantial margin.

Following Kiran's death it became obvious that we

should maintain this fund to create a small charity as an enduring memorial to her.

'Kiran's Trust' was created and launched on 9th October 2009, Kiran's 20th birthday. The Trust will support activities and recognise the achievements of others in areas aligned to Kiran's interests, initially art, music and Taekwondo.

As 'Kiran's Trust' grows through kind and generous contributions, it will be able to expand and provide support to other worthy areas.

The Trust is managed by a company also called Kiran's Trust. The directors of the company are Johnny Martin, Hollie Martin and Meredith Short. The charity is supported by Kiran's close friends who are the spirit behind the Trust and also organise the many events we run.

Membership

One of the ways we hope to sustain Kiran's Trust is through an annual membership. All we are asking for is £10, which will bring you newsletters during the year, a gift of Kiran's own work and you'll be supporting the charity directly.

If you are interested in subscribing please email: kiranstrust@btinternet.com and we will send you further info and payment details in early Spring.

In the subject line of your email just put 'INTERESTED' and your full name.

2009

We had three very successful events last year, a disco and a prize bingo at Carronshore Social Club and some of us raked out our old stuff and sold it at a car boot sale in Stirling. (In what I have to say was one of the hottest days of the year..!!!!) We have also received personal donations and those from people who have raised money from events they have taken part in.



Our friends from the Cumbernauld Co-op, Mark and Andy, took part in a 10k race. (Thanks to Liz Aitken for the coordination). Scottie from Asda got involved in the Glasgow Fun Run and Graham Wall and his BP colleagues completed a cycle coast-to-coast.



Through the year we received some terrific prizes and support from various businesses: Xtreme Karting, Bells Bakers Ltd, La Banca, Salt of the Earth, Geoffrey & Katherine Smeddle at The Peat Inn, Martin Wishart, Nick Nairn, Marshalls plc, Henricks Edinburgh, Peckhams Edinburgh, Carronshore Social Club, Roy Brett at Odine, The Shore Bar, Nail Spa Beauty Salon, LECS Uphostery and Matalan. We are grateful for their support.

Last year was also about setting up our giving plan. We set up the Kiran Martin Award for Creative Design at Larbert High School for the summer prize giving in June 2009. This is an annual award and it will be accompanied from 2010 onwards by the Kiran Martin Award for Music.

Amy was the winner of the 2008/9 Award for Creative Design and she wrote the following about herself.

From a young age, I have always had a keen interest in Art and enjoyed drawing and painting when I was younger. I also remember making things

like bags out of felt as a child. It wasn't until I was studying Intermediate 2 Art and Design in fifth year at Larbert High that I really discovered my main interest of Textile Design, and this was the first thing at high school I had really enjoyed and felt I had a talent for. Since then, I have continued my



interest in textiles by exploring the work of other designers such as Coco Chanel and Zandra Rhodes, as well as attending a weekly sewing class where I am currently enjoying learning more about the techniques of fashion production. I feel that through my study of Art and design, I have

become more aware of the visual world around me and am now constantly inspired by the colours and shapes. My self-belief has really increased, and I believe I am better at making decisions and problem solving. I am really proud to have received the Kiran Martin Award 2008-09, and this has further increased my creative confidence and encouraged me to pursue a career in Design by aspiring to go to college next year.

We have also established a three year scholarship for art at Larbert High School which was won by Victoria who told us that 'she loved to experiment with art and that this scholarship would help her to develop her love of art.' She goes on to say, 'I have always enjoyed art. I find great satisfaction in looking at a piece of work that I have created. I'm improving all the time and I'm using different techniques and materials which is enhancing my enjoyment of art'

In conjunction with Central Taekwondo Academy, Falkirk, we created two Kiran Martin Scholarships to support young students develop from the grassroots of the sport. Jordyn and Joe received grants for three years. Both will be involved in the British Championships in Manchester at the end of January.

2010



We are planning various events throughout this year... the famous Disco now in it's third year and a Prize Bingo. The dates for these are still to be finalised.

We will also look to take our attic clothes and items of bric-a-brac to another car boot sale in the Summer. If anyone would like to join us in selling items to raise funds then we'd be happy to pay the pitch fee for your car. More on this in the next newsletter. This time though someone remember a BIG bottle of sun cream..!!!

If you have any other ideas about fun ways to raise some funds then please let us know and we'll see if we can arrange it.

If you are doing something energetic and sporty and would like to support Kiran's Trust then let us know as we'd like to hear what it is and can supply you with graphics etc.



We are currently developing a website where we will post much more information, however we will maintain the Facebook site so we can keep the interactive side of things going.

Photo Competition

Lastly we thought we'd run a competition this year. The idea is to take the KT logo below with you on your travels, take a photo with you and the logo....send it in and you may win a prize at the end of the year.

We will be looking for:

- most unusual
- most dramatic/stunning
- most famous
- there will be a members poll favourite.

We will create an album on Facebook or our own website where photos can be uploaded. In the meantime send your photos with your name and title to kiranstrust@btinternet.com

Until next time.....

.....cheers and thank you for all your support!



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