



Supporting Creative Expression in Young People

Since we last met we have been thinking about our charitable purposes, and on our 8th birthday there are no limits to what we can do! So from now on, you'll read and hear about achievements in a broader range of activities!

At the heart of what we do will always be creating opportunities for young people where none exists or needs enhanced. During these eight years we have been amazed by the talents of so many young people and what they can do once given the chance to creatively express themselves.



Kiran and her pal Rhona

Welcome to our Autumn 2017 Newsletter....enjoy!

NEWS ROUND-UP



We are now in our third year of supporting the Magic School at the Edinburgh International Magic Festival. The week long course was created to teach and inspire children to perform magic for their family and friends, as well as boost their confidence and social skills. This year an incredible 400 children attended!!!!

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Our friends at Edinburgh International Magic Festival have donated 3 pairs of tickets for their MagicFest Christmas Show at the Traverse Theatre in the centre of Edinburgh between Christmas and New Year. The show features

stars of magic from around the UK and special guests from Spain. If you'd like to win a pair of these tickets and enjoy Edinburgh's most magical show this Christmas, simply send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Kiran's Trust at 13 Kittlegairy Crescent, Peebles, EH45 9NJ by the 14th December. On 15th December we will randomly draw 3 of these envelopes as the winners of the special tickets, and post them off...and did we mention free ice cream at the interval!!
Good luck!

In addition to the annual School Awards (see below) at Larbert High School, Kiran's Trust is pleased to be a part of the newly founded School of Rock & Pop!

2017 School Awards
Art & Design - Josh Hale
Creative Writing - Emma Miller
Music - Anna Dougan
Photography - Joseph Parker



Young people entertaining and teaching young people was the order of the day weekend at the Scottish Young Carers Festival in West Linton. Magician Billy Reid opened the event with an incredible performance, and Rubik's Cube Maestro Adam Black wowed the young carers with his skills. Adam shared some of this knowledge, and with our donation of 156 Rubik's Cubes (and some cheatsheets), everyone went home ready to impress their friends and family.



Billy Opening the Festival



Adam teaching Rubik's Cube 'Cheats'

At this year's Scottish Taekwondo Championships, Kiran's Trust sponsored the competition trophies. Our ambassador, Jordyn Smith, was on hand as a competitor and she also did a great job helping award the trophies to the winners!

After suffering from devastating vandalism at the Forth Valley Sensory Centre, as part of the rebuild they wanted to create a tile mosaic at the entrance of their sensory garden. We were delighted to sponsor Centre users with sensory loss to design and create individual tiles. Once the garden has been relaunched we will post the pictures!

Our friend Sarah, of Space Artworks, introduced us to Rachel, a young woman who uses a wheelchair due to a progressive disability. She is a strong individual who does not allow her disability to hold her back. Two years ago Rachel embarked on a journey to South America, including a trip to Machu Picchu, with her support worker and friends. Rachel attends college twice a week, and she also has artistic ambitions so we are helping her work on an art project with Sarah assisting as Rachel's dexterity is limited. Peru is the inspiration—Rachel has created papier maché Llamas of different sizes, one is at least 3ft high! You can see Rachel's Llamas at the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival exhibition at Summerhall in Edinburgh until the end of October.

We are proud to be part of the Great Feets Programme which is the brainchild of DanceBase. This programme focuses on young people not in education, employment or training. There are two days of dance activities, the provision of pastoral care, and learning about healthy eating. Participants engage in creative development and get support with further education or employment.



Jordyn and Inés

During the Summer we shared the services of a Spanish Erasmus Scholar who was in Edinburgh assisting with the Magic Festival. For one day a week over 6 weeks Inés Pose spent time with us researching social media streams and creating a policy document for the Trust. She also had a great photo shoot with our ambassador Jordyn Smith. We have to say it was a pleasure working with Inés, and we thank her for producing a very comprehensive document on social media. And we wish her well back in Spain.

(erasmusprogramme.com/the_erasmus.php)

Looking to the Future

Like any 8 year old we just can't stand still. Here are some of the new activities we'll report on in the next newsletter, on our website and social platforms.

- **Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh.** - Supporting the collection of programmes run by the gallery: Literary Littles, Pips Little Artists, Fresh Fruit Tweens (just not quite teenagers) and Art in a Bag.
- **Scottish Book Trust's 'What's Your Story'.** - We are proud to be a key player in Scotland's national development programme for young writers and illustrators, created for teens by teens!
- **Tweed Theatre, Peebles.** - We are supporting 40 young people in the production of their the Christmas pantomime -- Aladdin!
- Carrongrange High School, Grangemouth. Supporting the school's end of term play 'Oliver'.
- **Edinburgh Young Carers Christmas Event.** - Preparing their own Christmas dinner and then enjoying a movie at Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh.

BIG Thank You To...

Sullom Voe Terminal, Shetland. BP and Cape Environmental have a policy that promotes waste elimination, reuse and recycling. The recycling of scrap metal generates cash which they turn over to several charities. We were very privileged to be chosen as a recipient. Thanks to Stanley Robertson for acting on our behalf to pick up the donation.

Also to Karen McCabe and Lindsay Hill for running the Edinburgh and Glasgow 10Ks in one year!!

As ever our thanks to the Edinburgh businesses of Wm Christies Butchers in Bruntsfield, The St Vincent Bar in St Vincent Street, and Cork and Cask, Wine & Beer shop in Marchmont Road who stand behind us! Mention our name and thank them for their support if you visit these lovely people!

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Our aims are simply stated: Kiran's Trust supports the activities and recognises the achievements of others in areas aligned to Kiran's interests. Without your generous support we wouldn't be able to do this. Thank You!

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