

HELLO...

Welcome to this edition of our occasional newsletter, packed full of the latest news as well achievements and stories.

Since our last newsletter in October we have moved our registered office, and our home, from Pittenweem to Belford Mews in Edinburgh. This move was necessary but also tinged with some sadness, as such changes bring. Unfortunately this means we won't host a gallery at the Pittenweem Arts Festival, however we are looking at what we can do in Edinburgh to replicate that style of exhibition.

We are particularly proud of this newsletter as it details the expansion of our giving program. We kept holding off publication as exciting things kept happening that we wanted to report on. But here we are, we just couldn't wait any longer!

It is thanks to our supporters that we can commit to and grow our giving program. This puts a bit more pressure on the fundraising aspects of the Trust, but we have a good plan to take us forward. We are very pleased to have you with us and take Kiran's Trust to the next level.

Thank you so much for all of your support and once again making this newsletter a joy to create.

Welcome to...

We are excited to announce we have two new willing volunteers: one to help us consolidate our fundraising strategy, the other to improve our marketing and publicity.

Martin Spence, is company secretary with the Edinburgh based electrical contractors Sinclair Scott...it is run by Martin and his two brothers, very much a family business. Martin has already been involved in raising funds for the Trust, and he is looking at organising bigger events such as golf days, karting, etc. He can be contacted on martin@kiranstrust.org

Ashley Todd is currently studying Medicine at Edinburgh University. Along with her studies, exams, student shows and conferences, and the publicity that sits behind it, she is using this experience to help us improve our PR and marketing. Ashley can be contacted on ashley@kiranstrust.org



Abra-cadabra!

If you like magic as much as we do then you'll be excited to hear that we are the charity partner of this year's Edinburgh International Magic Festival. Yes it's true! From 26th June until 4th July, Summerhall at the Meadows becomes the hub for MagicFest, with 100+ shows, events, bars, exhibitions, magic shop and doughnuts over 8 days.

Watch a set of armour come to life or have your magic chosen to match your meal at Magic a la carte. Or just dance the night away at the Top Hat Ceilidh – at the MagicFest Hub, right on the corner of the Meadows Park.

Kiran's Trust will directly support the Magic Workshops on Saturday 27th June and the 5 Day Magic School Mon 29th June - Fri 3rd July for ages 7-10 year olds.

You can book tickets online for any of the shows/events at: magicfest.co.uk/whats-on or by phone on 0131 226 0006 or in person at The Fringe Box Office, 180 High Street, Edinburgh.

The Young Americans - Carrongrange School (Falkirk)



As most of you know we are proud to support Carrongrange School. Carrongrange is Falkirk Council's only secondary school for pupils with moderate, severe and complex additional support needs. The school motto is **'where you can be all you can be.'**

In October 2014, The Young Americans Performing Group came to the school as part of their work to provide music education and performance opportunities to young people

around the world. After an intensive 3-day rehearsal schedule with the pupils, we were treated to a show where we experienced the amazing talents, skills, and energy of The Young Americans and many of the pupils performed along with them. They were singing and dancing along with no fear or inhibitions. It was fantastic!

We provided support for this event as it was a wonderful opportunity for all to be involved. Once you see a show like this you come away from it wishing there was just one more encore!

Falkirk Primary Schools

With the assistance of Kiran's pal Karen McCabe, the following Primary Schools in Falkirk were awarded monies and certificates for creative arts and physical education activities:

Westquarter, Laurieston, Nethermains and Stenhousemuir; Bonnybridge has created a 'Rising Star Award' which will be given out every year. Thank you to Jill McPherson who creates and donates the certificates Karen presents to the school.

Larbert High School Update (Falkirk)

This spring sees us add The Kiran Martin Award for Photography to the other three awards of Art & Design, Music, and Creative Writing we already present at the Summer Prize-giving.

TKD Update

We are thrilled to include the news that Jordyn Smith has been selected as part of the 15 strong GB Taekwondo Cadet Team to compete at the ETU European Cadet Championships taking place in Strasbourg France, 2-5 July. Jordyn, who is fresh from winning Gold at the Nottingham Open Championships, is over the moon about this next stage of her development. This will hopefully lead to her selection for the World Cadet Championships in August this year, which will be an enormous competitive opportunity.

The annual Kiran Martin Indomitable Spirit Award (Central Taekwondo, Falkirk) was won in November by 10 year old Sarah Smullen.

The People's Choice Award was awarded at the Taekwondo Scotland Annual Awards Dinner. This goes to a Scottish athlete chosen by their peers and coaches as the individual who demonstrated the best discipline and performance for the year. Guess who won it...our own Jordyn, and Johnny had the pleasure of giving her the award at the dinner.

Fife Society for the Blind

We worked with the Society to develop a Book Bug project for under 5s who are visually impaired. Book Bug introduces young children to reading, and FSB enhanced this programme with music, toys, and play such that children with sight difficulties could learn and enjoy books.



This is an exciting project which has the potential to grow. There are 34 children aged 0 to 5 with sight loss in Fife and the aim was to attract 10 children and their parents to the pilot project, which is currently near the end of its 6 month run. The sessions, while being fun and educational for the children, will also give the parents support. The Scottish Book Trust provided books and we helped with the purchasing of specialist toys and musical instruments.

3v2 Soccer Academy (Edinburgh)

This year we supported an achievement award for children in the academy's programme who have shown great ability, character, desire and respect. They are normally rewarded by being invited to attend a special two hour class on a Friday evening. However as part of very special award we supported taking the group to the Scottish National Stadium where they saw the international match between Scotland and Gibraltar. Murdo from 3v2 Academy told us, 'For some of the boys in the group it's their first time at a senior game and others their first international game, so we are giving them a lasting memory.'



PROPOSED GIVING

In line with the continual expansion and growth of our giving program the following activities are under development...

Edinburgh Music School is located within Broughton High School. We had a successful meeting with Tudor Morris, Director of the Music School. We now await their ideas/ requests.

At Skirva Writing School, Edinburgh, we met with Sophie Cooke, Director, with a view to create a community writing program targeting the young people of Wester Hailes, who could benefit most from a creative outlet.

Edinburgh Drawing School are looking at a scholarship programme for individuals going to the School for a series of short residencies. We'll report more on this once the proposal is confirmed.



Delta Studios, Falkirk, have organised an art competition about Unconventional Gas/Oil Extraction and Production (aka Fracking). We will provide prizes (art classes) for the 2 winners of the competition, and we are also providing support for the exhibition which runs from the 12th June to 3rd July at Delta Creative Studios.

Thank you to our Fundraising Heroes - Kiran's Heroes!

We keep saying this and we think it should remain in our newsletters—every day we are inspired by your support, efforts and passion to make a difference. It drives our ethos of creating opportunity where none exists. Here are a few highlights from your fundraising over the past few months:

The three collecting cans continue to do well, our thanks to those businesses who support them (Wm. Christie Butchers and Cork and Cask, Edinburgh and The Salon, Falkirk). We'd like to welcome and thank the St Vincent Bar, Edinburgh, for requesting and maintaining one of our collecting cans.

A big THANK YOU to William Angold at ZedPrint who kindly donated new business cards to the directors of Kiran's Trust...they are quite swish.

The BIG DOO (Falkirk)

Just last month we enjoyed one of the best fundraising events we've had in a while. NRG Performers danced stunning routines which had the audience on their feet. There was a wonderfully laid out buffet, a raffle with terrific prizes and finished off by a disco...phew!! A huge thanks to Stacey Haston who organised everything. Thanks also go to everyone who donated raffle prizes...too many to mention; NRG Performers for bringing such energy to the evening, Alan Haston's Disco and Carronshore Social Club. We usually say such things...but lets DOO it all again next year Stacey!



Do something extraordinary and become a Kiran's hero, or super-hero!!

If you are training for a challenging event or looking for a fundraising idea then we'd like you to remember us! We are more than happy to assist with getting your fundraising idea up and running. We can help advertise your challenge to your family, friends, colleagues and beyond.

Two people who are doing just that: Jennifer Sherrington who is running the Edinburgh Marathon on 31st May and Martin Spence who is running the Loch Ness 10k in September. Good luck to you both and thank you for thinking of us!

Getting your employer involved

Donating directly from your salary gives you and Kiran's Trust some unique payday benefits. Your donation is taken from your pre-tax salary, meaning that part of your donation comes from money that would otherwise have gone to HMRC. Some companies have a matching scheme whereby they will match their employees donation under *Give As You Earn (GAYE)*.



Easyfundraising is a free and simple way for UK charities to raise money from everyday online shopping. Every time you buy something online with partner retailers, to say 'thank you' they'll give a donation to your chosen charity. It's that simple! Go to easyfundraising.co.uk and sign up selecting Kiran's Trust as your chosen charity!

Friends of Kiran's Trust

If you wish to become a Friend of Kiran's Trust by making a recurring monthly or annual donation there are few ways to do this. Go to our Just Giving site, set up a standing order, or send a cheque. All of the details are below in the Contact Us panel. If you use Just Giving, please DO NOT tick the No Further Contact box as this will make you anonymous, and we won't know where to send a wee thank you of Kiran's artwork...unless of course you wish to be anonymous!

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