



# Newsletter

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## THANK YOU FOR FIVE BRILLIANT YEARS....

Welcome to the 11th *Kiran's Trust Newsletter*. We hope that you are as inspired by reading it as we were in pulling it all together.

With so much going on at Kiran's Trust, it is a challenge to fit everything in! We've selected a few items to provide a snapshot of the charity's work and your amazing support. Before we let you loose in the newsletter we'd like to say a huge thank you for what we've already achieved in 2014.

Happy Birthday is the theme as October 2014 sees Kiran's Trust achieve a remarkable five years of age, and we also celebrate Kiran's 25th birthday. It's hard to believe our charitable activity has passed this anniversary. Our giving outreach continues to grow with your help and we will catch up and update on some of the young people with whom we've been able to work—culminating for some with exhibiting at the Pittenweem Arts Festival!

There's no naughty here at Kiran's Trust, only nice! With Christmas just around the corner we unveil three new designs in our card collection from some of our scholars and friends. We'll tell you further on how to order yours for the season.



## Five Years On...

On Kiran's birthday, 9th October 2009, we received a letter from Companies House approving our incorporation as the charity Kiran's Trust. It all seemed appropriate and made sense for us to revolve everything around Kiran's birthday.

We embarked tentatively on the road of raising funds and giving away money. We had some fledgling ideas and we engaged people to explore where we could operate. Kiran's friends were inspirational in raising money and soon we had a decent balance that gave us confidence in creating a worthwhile giving program.

We worked hard on our business model, and it has proved to be a good one. So much so that we've not had to modify it much in the intervening years. We do keep an eye on it to ensure we are working within our business and charitable purposes.

Okay that's all the company speak done, so let's look at some of the figures. Over the past five years we have awarded individuals, organisations and schools over £4400, and presented scholarships worth £9400. Our giving program covers three geographic areas: Falkirk, Edinburgh, and the East Neuk of Fife. We have averaged 30 Friends each year providing over £7300 funds for the Trust.

## *Pittenweem Arts Festival 2014*

Ten days, ten exhibitors, one garage!!! Kiran's Trust at the Pittenweem Arts Festival was an incredible success, and it was gratifying for our scholars and award winners from Falkirk, Edinburgh, and the East Neuk of Fife to display (and sell!) their work. A few of our patrons and Friends also visited, and it was great for them to see the benefit of their support in action.



Kiran's mum kindly loaned us Kiran's signature 700 x 700mm painting of a flower on silk...it took centre stage and was surrounded by a wonderful collection of artwork of all types and styles. Also a big thank you to Pat Kramek for her donation of a framed print for our raffle.

Hundreds of people passed through our garage cum gallery, and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



## *Larbert High Scholarship*

Meghan Grieve has started an Applied Arts HND at City of Glasgow College. She is settling in and by all accounts loving her course and we are delighted to help her into further education.

Meghan told us, 'It's so different from school but such a great experience. I'm doing really well with all my assignments. I made my first silver ring a couple of weeks ago, which I really enjoyed. The weeks are going in so fast now. Can't believe it's Autumn...where has this year gone! It's finally hit me that I've left school, but love this next step of my life. Trying to get used to being a grown up ha ha!'

As one door closes another opens. We are very excited to have Maisie Cotter join us at the beginning of a three year scholarship. Maisie exhibited with us at the Pittenweem Arts Festival this year. One of her posters winged its way to Dubai! We will showcase more on Maisie over the next three years.

## *3v2 Soccer Academy*

You may have noticed this was a World Cup year! With our support the boys at 3v2 Soccer Academy created a World Cup celebration tournament. We were very pleased to sponsor this event, which saw 40 boys and girls playing football, winning medals and trophies...and a T-shirt to design with the colours of the countries they represented. It was a great afternoon with loads of skills on display, and even the weather played ball!



## *Space Artworks*

Earlier this year we were delighted to meet Sarah and visit her gallery Space Artworks in Edinburgh. The aim of Space Artworks is to promote artwork from young people and adults with long-term health issues including physical and learning disabilities and mental health challenges.

Our initial giving was for Edina Donald's 'Tribes Exhibition.' Edina channeled her skills into highly detailed pencil drawings, stylised paintings and paper maché sculptures of Native Americans and their culture. We were very happy to play a part in supporting Edina into self-employment.

Through your continued generosity, we plan to develop our partnership with Space Artworks. By the way Edina has donated a Santa Claus Christmas card design to us for this year!

### Taekwondo Scholars

We are delighted as ever that our Taekwondo program continues to deliver success. Our supported students in the three programs of Olympic (Asia), Cadet (Jordyn) and Junior (Natasha & Ciaran) are achieving at levels we never imagined. Natasha and Ciaran continue to win individually and in pairs. Hot of the press is they both achieved their Black Belts this month. Well Done to them!!

More exciting news is both Asia and Jordan have been selected to the Scottish Team for the Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships this year in Edinburgh. This is a top event which will see some of the Team GB players competing against each other and players can gain points towards Olympic ranking. We'll let you know how the girls do in our Christmas letter.

### Website News

In our last newsletter we announced the upgrade of our website. Now we've added a blog and a set of galleries. These galleries are an online space where our scholars can exhibit their work for all to see—this is a fantastic space to offer our scholars and award winners. It is still a work in progress so visit regularly and you'll see the content grow. <http://kiranstrust.org/#portfolio>

### Christmas Cards

This year we are excited to add three new designs to our Christmas cards on offer. We have received donations of designs from Sam Mutch (C4), Esme Macintyre (C5) and Edina Donald (C6). (We will tell you much more about Esme and her touching story in our next newsletter.)

Cards are £2.50 each, 3 cards for £5, or 6 cards for £10.

To order, send us an email ([hello@kiranstrust.org](mailto:hello@kiranstrust.org)) with your design choices and quantities, as well as your mailing address. Payment can be made by cheque, PayPal ([johnny@kiranstrust.org](mailto:johnny@kiranstrust.org)) or using our Just Giving page ([www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust](http://www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust)).



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

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.



In May we had the biggest laugh of the year so far. Martin and Adam, (fully race suited), organised an endurance race evening at Xtreme Karting in Edinburgh. We had the venue to ourselves and 36 people of mixed skills split into teams of four and spent an enjoyable evening racing around the tight and windy circuit. The folks at Xtreme were terrific, but the biggest thanks go to the 'racers' and especially Martin and Adam.

One beautiful Sunday in June the Colour Me Rad fundraising event arrived in Edinburgh. Four of Kiran's pals—Emma, Laurie, Deborah and Jillian—couldn't resist and got covered with coloured corn starch as they ran a 5k, and raised a good sum of money for us!! Thank you girls...true heroes.



It's pleasing to have a collection can sat beside the till at Cork & Cask (Marchmont, Edinburgh). We've known the owner Chris for quite a few years and his dream was to create a unique wine and beer shop and this October sees him being in business for 18 months! He had the plan and the passion and provides a quality product, so if you are in Edinburgh check him out. Cheers to Chris for his support!

## Friends of Kiran's Trust

If you wish to become a Friend of Kiran's Trust—by making a recurring or annual donation, then there are few ways to do this. Go to our Just Giving site, set up a standing order, or send a cheque. 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 you a wee thank you of Kiran's artwork... unless of course you wish to be anonymous!

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 this winter 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.

*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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