



Newsletter

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Summer is here....or so they say...and we are already through the first two fundraising events of our exciting year. We had a fantastic night at our annual Disco and saw some great prizes won at the Bingo. We also have news of our summer prizes at Larbert High School and updates on our Taekwondo Scholars. So read on.....

Kiran's Trust wouldn't really exist if it wasn't for one very special girl. The 15th of May is a significant date in our calendars and this year marked the 2nd year without Kiran, a daughter, a sister and a good friend.

She lives beyond her life in the spirit of Kiran's Trust and more especially in our collective memories, in effect she glued us all together.

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 this. Thank You!



SPOTLIGHT

Jordyn is one of our Taekwondo scholars and is rising to the top! Jordyn wrote us a letter recently and we'd like to share some of it with you.....

I started training at Central Taekwondo Academy at the age of 4 and like Kiran I received my black belt at the age of 8. I love competing in the competitions and last year traveled to many places...as far North as Elgin where I won Gold and as far South as Southampton, where I won bronze...but in a heavier weight division.!

In January 2010 I went to the British Championships for sparring, I was so nervous as I knew I'd be up against the British Champion, but I was on fire!

I won three rounds including the final 9-2 and burst out crying, as it meant so much to me.

I am so proud to have been given a Kiran's Trust Scholarship and it really helps me out getting to all the competitions all over the UK. Hopefully one day I'll be competing at the Olympics still wearing the Kiran's Trust logo with pride on my suit.

Below: Jordyn with her Silver medal from Germany May 2010



MEMBERSHIP

In our last newsletter we mentioned we were creating a membership to Kiran's Trust. Well we are happy to tell you that we are ready to sign you up.

Why a Membership? At the outset of creating the Kiran's Trust we were required to outline sustainable income to OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) and one of the methods we proposed was an annual membership which would give a small but valuable income.

Having a membership means that we can have a closer relationship with the people who provide direct support. Being a member means you will play an active part in our future.

Many of you responded to our 'Interested' email request in the last newsletter and we will be in contact with you shortly.

If you want to become a member of Kiran's Trust the cost will be £10 annually. The membership year will run from 9th October annually. This is Kiran's birthday and we like celebrate this date! It also means that if you join now you won't need to renew until October 2011.

As a thank you for joining you will receive a gift of Kiran's own art work.

How do you join? Easy, just write a cheque for £10 made out to '**Kiran's Trust**' and send it with your name and address to:

Kiran's Trust, 49/4 Spylaw Road, Edinburgh, EH10 5BP.

or you can make your payment online at:
www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust

If you have any questions regarding this or anything then please email us at
info@kiranstrust.org

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

This year we set out a calendar of events. The first couple of these have already taken place. In April we held our now famous Kiran's Trust annual disco...incredibly in it's third year!!! Once again we had a fantastic and successful night and we introduced a new spot in the night. We enjoyed a live set from 'Double Trouble' Our taekwondo scholar Joe and his friend Jamie (below), two guitars and a fab set of music. These lads are going to go far...check them out on Youtube.



May saw us back at the Carronshore Social Club for the Prize Bingo. We had quite a range of prizes to be won, thanks to our friends. Are we allowed to say we're already looking forward to next years event. Thanks to the Club for donating the hall and the books.

May also saw our friend Kyle McGregor throw himself off a small platform tethered to a bungee rope at Braehead Shopping Complex, Glasgow. All in the aid of charity...!! Too high for us to even think about! Well done and thanks Kyle.

Our friends at Cumbernauld Co-Operative, are completing a marathon sponsored walk in aid of the Trust. There will be more on this in our next newsletter.

Also thanks to Central Taekwondo Academy who held their annual demonstration night on behalf of the Trust and in Kiran's memory and raised a fantastic sum.

FRIENDS OF KIRAN'S TRUST

As we've said many times we couldn't exist without everyone coming along to our events and giving so generously.

The prizes that we have to give away are all supplied by a bunch of generous people who give without hesitation. And in the current financial climate this makes their donations even more special. So by way of a BIG thank you here are our 'Friends of Kiran's Trust'.....

Xtreme Karting, Bells Bakers Ltd, La Banca, Salt of the Earth, Henricks Edinburgh, Peckhams Edinburgh, Carronshore Social Club, Ann Haston, The Salon Bainsford, LECS Uphostery and Matalan, Ann-Marie Rodger at Scottish Power PLC, The Sheiling Guest House & Watermill Skye, Carronshore Primary School Staff, Delta Studios, The Dutch Inn, Pets at Home Falkirk, City/Sportsters Bar & Diner and our very own DJ Alan Haston.

KIRAN'S TRUST - Beginnings.

You know the story of a writer spending time in a cafe and creating a character that went on to spawn many bestselling books and films. So let us tell you a simple story of similar appeal.

Quite close to where we live is our favourite deli, Peckham's of Bruntsfield. The shop also has an underground restaurant that we have frequented for many years now. When Kiran was in hospital here in Edinburgh we were allowed to be with her for most of the day and evening. However, we also needed to take a break and get some food to sustain us. It seemed natural that we'd end up back in Peckhams for that break or after a lengthy day. The staff in the shop and the restaurant knew what was going on in our lives. They took care of us...we would arrive, find our way to a familiar table and food would miraculously appear with a jug of water and a glass of wine. As time wore on and after

Kiran passed away this practice continued. As mentioned before, we had collected quite a fund aimed at supporting Kiran. Now it was all about how we put this money to good use and to create something that would embody the very spirit of Kiran.

So as summer gave way to autumn on these nights in the Underground we hatched the plan, the direction and even the name. We developed the business plan and I typed it up over a veggie platter one night and so Kiran's Trust was born. Thanks to our friends at Peckham's for their support and tolerance.

SUMMER PRIZES

This year we've added two additional awards at Larbert High School. A prize for Creative Music and the other is Creative Writing. These now partner the Creative Design award we started last summer. They will be presented on 22nd June. More on this in the next newsletter.

WEBSITE

We are currently developing our website and hopefully you see news on this soon. The web address will be www.kiranstrust.org As we said in the last newsletter we will also maintain our FACEBOOK space so people can socially interact. Just type *Kiran's Trust* in the search box.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Don't forget the photo competition!! Remember to take a copy of the logo with you on your travels and send in a photo of you with it in an interesting location. Email your entry to photo@kiranstrust.org

FUTURE EVENTS

Car Boot Sale - let us know if you've got anything to sell.

Pub Quiz Night, BTW, Falkirk- August 22nd
Band Night, Carronshore SC- November 27th
Dates & locations to be confirmed