



Newsletter

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Summer is here, even if the torrential rain tries to convince everyone otherwise! The first six months of the year have been a busy and successful time for Kiran's Trust, during which we enjoyed a fantastic race night event, attended Central Taekwondo's annual demonstration and we also attended Larbert High School's Awards evening to hand out our summer prizes.

Our first race night in April was very exciting and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and made the night so memorable. We made a terrific total of £721.12, a sum which we couldn't have raised without your support!

Central Taekwondo hosted it's annual demonstration in honour of Kiran, showcasing some of the hottest talent in kicking, punching and patterns! We received a stunning donation of £365 from the club. We are so grateful for the generous and continued support the club offers us, especially since Taekwondo was such a prominent sport in Kiran's life.

This year at Larbert High School's awards night, we awarded our creative music award to Andrew Hale, our creative writing award to Katie Heggie, the creative Art & design award and our prestigious art scholarship went to Meghan Grieve. It was also a special night that marked the end of our very first art scholarship, which was awarded to Victoria Nicholson. This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to our art scholars, and we'll catch up with Victoria and our Delta art scholars later in the newsletter. We couldn't award these special prizes and continue to help young people like this without your continued support - thank you!!

A significant date in our calendar also passed; the 15th of May marked our 4th year without Kiran, who was incredibly special to so many people. She continues to live on in our memories of her and in the charity we created in her memory.



Kiran's Prom Night, June 2007

Special People

Kiran's Trust is incredibly lucky to have such a great network of support and we greatly appreciate every donation we receive. We have some very special friends who help us enormously with our charity goals - the people who fundraise for us. Phil Milford ran the Vancouver half-marathon and raised an amazing £500 for us in April. Over the years Phil has been running, he has raised about \$50,000 but he wants to reach an incredible \$100,000 before he retires! He's run the Singapore marathon five times and the Dubai marathon twice. He also made a



Phil Milford, crossing the finish line of the Singapore Marathon



Kevin Rafferty

donation to SCC after the Vancouver half-marathon, which supports and works with street children in Ho Chi Minh City, in Vietnam. Another special mention must be given to Kevin Rafferty, who has set himself the huge challenge of running from George Square in Glasgow to The Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh in just two days. That's the equivalent of two marathons! Kevin starts running on the 13th of November and he needs your support, so please visit his donations page at www.justgiving.com/Kevin-Rafferty

CATCH UP...with our Delta Scholars

Rachel Haxton and Courtney Gordon were chosen as our Delta Studios scholars. We work very closely with Artist Director Craig McKechnie and our scholars who studied under him have been such a huge success that we plan to repeat the award again when our giving program starts again in October.

Rachel has just finished her standard grades and will be starting her 5th year in August, during which time she will be studying for four highers including art and an intermediate two qualification. Rachel has been



interested in art from primary through to secondary school, and is interested in the works of Charles Rennie MacIntosh. She attended Delta regularly prior to her exams and learned a lot of new techniques to use in her classwork. Rachel also helped organise an exhibition - the picture above shows a piece of Rachel's own work that was featured. Once she has finished school, Rachel hopes to go to university or possibly pursue a career as a secondary school art teacher.



Courtney has just finished her final year at secondary school, during which time she studied for three highers and her advanced higher art qualification. She has been interested in art since she won a colouring-in competition in primary two!! Although she doesn't have a favourite artist, Courtney does appreciate the works of Salvador Dali and Edgar Degas. Courtney has especially enjoyed her time at Delta because "Craig

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

has us doing weird and wonderful things all the time.” She gives an example of when she was developing and producing her portfolio for art school, and was working on a piece at Delta produced from different materials (shown on previous page). Craig advised her he had an amazing material for her to use, and proceeded to snap the legs off a dead pheasant for her to use! These were then stuck onto Courtney’s work as the eyebrows on the face. Courtney has applied to start university in September, where she plans to pursue art and possibly a career as an illustrator or a graphic designer.

CATCH UP...with Victoria Nicholson

Victoria is our first art scholar and has just finished her final year at Larbert High School. The award supports the chosen scholar for three years, helping the awardee to purchase any art supplies they may need or perhaps an art course they would like to go on. Victoria has just finished her final exams and has accepted a place at Dundee Art College, where she will start in September. Although feeling slightly nervous about this new chapter in her life, Victoria is confident that this will be a fantastic experience for her and she can't wait to start!



For her Advanced Higher Art qualification, most of Victoria’s work was themed around boats (see pictures above and below). Having seen a variety of her work, Victoria seems to have gained a great deal from this theme and her work is very impressive. A lot of Victoria’s work is very textured, so she has a great deal of experimental work to her name as well as some more abstract pieces. Rather than being inspired by a particular artist, Victoria finds that a lot of her inspiration comes from things that she sees - she then tries to recreate that texture and progresses with her idea once she sees how it turns out. She has also done a little sculpture work with different mediums during her portfolio class at Delta studios which has extended her range of work and furthered Victoria’s enjoyment of art.



Most importantly, Victoria finished her interview with me by saying, “Kiran’s Trust has been a massive help to me for the past three years and I’ve really appreciated the support, both financially and in having people that believe my work merits the additional support. This has really encouraged me and given me the confidence to apply for art college.” Victoria is an absolute success story for all of us at Kiran’s Trust, and we couldn’t be more thrilled at how far she has come. Without your continued support, none of this would be possible for Victoria or for our Delta scholars. Thank you!!

Donations

We are still receiving a steady stream of donations via JustGiving and we'd like to thank everyone who has donated already this year! Why not become a member of Kiran's Trust? A donation of just £10 guarantees you membership for a year and we will send you a pack of cards featuring Kiran's own artwork as a thank you. We now have a direct link to our JustGiving page from Facebook and as always you can visit our website to become a member of the Trust, by visiting the Membership section and following the "Become a Member" link. You can also visit our website to find out everything about us, from why the charity was created, Kiran's story along with photos and images of her artwork, past and future events, previous newsletters and even company reports. Our accounts for 2011 are now posted and can be viewed online. Links to our website as well as our JustGiving, Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at the end of the newsletter.



eBay

Remember we also have a shop on eBay which we have been using to auction off exciting prizes, including a mobile phone and a brand new iPod Touch! If you wish to sell an item on eBay on our behalf, just select Kiran's Trust from the charity option when you are setting up your sale.

Want To Help Kiran's Trust?

If you fancy doing something exciting and challenging for Kiran's Trust, please do so! There are a lot of events that take place throughout Scotland and the rest of the UK that you can get involved in and raise money for a really worthwhile cause. Lots of people are already cycling, walking, running and a variety of other activities to raise money for us. Or why not try something completely different? Whatever you want to do, you can get in touch and chat to us about raising money via the various options listed in the "contact us" section or visit our website.

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Or, if you are feeling particularly generous, visit our  JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/kiranstrust. Donating just £10 will make you a member of Kiran's Trust and we'll send you a pack of cards featuring Kiran's artwork as a thank you! Remember to choose Gift Aid if you are a UK tax payer!

