



Newsletter

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The first six months of 2011 have been busy for Kiran's Trust! Thanks to everyone's fantastic support, our fundraising for the year got off to a flying start with an extremely successful pub quiz at Behind The Wall in April, followed by an early start the first Sunday in May for the car boot sale. May continued to be a busy month with a bingo night and Central Taekwondo's annual demonstration. Finally, we rounded off June with a band night at Behind The Wall, showcasing the talents of Breaching Copyright, Idiotcut, Vukovi and (our new favourite band) A Balcony Scene.

As you can imagine, all these events take quite some organising! As the charity is constantly developing and growing, so are our team members - Kiran's Trust is delighted to welcome Rhona MacDonald into the role of events coordinator. So far she's done a brilliant job; her infectious enthusiasm and dedication to Kiran's Trust is reflected in the great nights she has planned and organised.



Kiran, Florida 2002

Duncan Leith's Scottish Cycle Challenge



On the 1st of June, Duncan Leith set off an epic distance cycle to raise money for Kiran's Trust, cycling over 1000 miles of the Scottish coastline. Not only has Duncan been a prolific writer for comics including Beano, Dandy, Topper and others spanning a career of more than thirty years, he has also been a long distance cyclist for over 25 years and has cycled a variety of routes including Land's End to John O' Groats (three times!). After covering over 150 miles on his first day, Johnny kept us up-to-date with Duncan's daily progress by tracking his journey on googlemaps and also posting updates on the Kiran's Trust facebook page. After a total of 1260 miles, Duncan arrived back home in Pittenweem on the 17th of June at lunchtime, completing the whole journey with no punctures and only contesting with one day of rain.

Kiran's Trust would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to Duncan for completing this amazing journey for us and also the Larachmhor Tavern in Pittenweem who generously sponsored Duncan's cycling jerseys. A big thank you to everyone who sponsored him, raising over £1000! If you haven't sponsored Duncan yet, it's not too late - visit Duncan's JustGiving webpage at www.justgiving.com/Duncan-Leith.

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. You may not want to cycle 1260 miles round the Scottish coast, but lots of people are already walking, running and a variety of other activities to raise money for us. If you want to get in touch and chat to us about raising money contact us via the various options listed in the "contact us" section or our website.

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Don't forget to visit our website - the place to go for all the information you need on Kiran's Trust, 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. You can also visit our website to become a member of the Trust, by visiting the Membership section and following the "Become a Member" link. So far 61 people have made the minimum donation of £10 and received a pack of cards featuring Kiran's artwork as a thank you.



CATCH UP...with our sponsorships

Kiran's Trust is grateful to everyone who helps fundraise and hopefully, via this newsletter, we can keep you up to date on how it is all spent! Each newsletter we'll be letting you know all about our new scholarships and how our scholars (both past and present) are getting on. Johnny attended Larbert High School's annual prizegiving in June, in which our prizes for art & design, creative writing and music were awarded. These three prizes, along with our two scholarships at Central Taekwondo, were the first to be created by Kiran's Trust and hold a special importance to us.



Our two taekwondo scholars Jordyn and Joe are both doing spectacularly well - Jordyn has won four golds at four different championships for sparring and is British Champion 2011 in her weight division. She will take her 2nd Dan black belt grading in October and has also been selected as a cadet member of the BTCB (Scotland) squad. Joe (pictured left, with Master Shin and Master Bailey) has also been doing us proud, winning gold, silver and bronze medals in patterns and achieving British Champion. He also passed his 1st Dan black belt grading. Congratulations guys!

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!

Furthermore, Kiran's Trust is always striving to create new scholarships and support young people who show talent and ability in areas aligned with Kiran's own interests.

In the future, we will be creating more scholarships in the areas of art and sport, and we will also expand as a charity providing sponsorships for creative education activities at primary schools and beyond. As the charity grows, we will be extending our geographical reach to include Pittenweem and Edinburgh, such as Maggie's Centre at the Western General Hospital. We want to help young people who might be in a similar situation to what Kiran experienced, whether this be to help or continue with their schooling or through using art as therapy.

Our end of year newsletter will provide more details on the additions to our giving programme as these awards are made on 9th October...Kiran's Birthday!



FUTURE EVENTS

Plans for the future are already in the pipeline and we've decided to shake things up! From fashion shows to gala nights, Kiran's Trust is going to liven up your social calendar, so keep an eye on our social networking sites for the latest news on future events. If you want to find out about previous events, or if you attended one of them and want to see if you make an appearance in the photos from the night, head over to our facebook page where you will find all this and more!

SPOTLIGHT ON...Eddie Tyrrell

In every newsletter, we choose to highlight someone important to the Trust, whether that be one of our scholars, a fundraiser, a team member or someone who has been keeping Kiran's memory alive.

Eddie Tyrrell is a 5th Dan black belt Taekwondo instructor at Glasgow East Taekwondo in Tollcross, which has been running since 1994. Eddie was a good friend of Kiran's and confesses that he still has the green ribbon he wore to her funeral in the cup-holder in his car. Every month, Eddie gives a small achievement award to one of his students in Kiran's memory.

Kiran's friends can be found in all corners, in places you would never even think to look. Eddie and the award he gives to his students every month are vital in remembering Kiran and how much she meant to us all.

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featuring Kiran's artwork as a thank you!

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