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## Supporting Creative Expression in Young People

### These are unique and strange times...

We're living in unique and strange times. Coronavirus is affecting all of our lives, and lots of changes are going to have to be made to help us cope. We know we're all in this together.

The work of Kiran's Trust has all but come to a stop as most of our activities involve groups or individuals interacting in groups or teams. Equally fundraising is 'dozing' at the moment apart from the friends of the Trust who continue to give generously via monthly donations they have set up. As it's Spring and it's the best April weather most of us can remember, we thought we'd share some of the natural creativity going on all around us. The social networks are alive with all sorts of people from differing walks of life showing off the skills they have or have learned!



Edina Donald was a recipient of Kiran's Trust support quite a few years ago now. Edina is very industrious and produces all manner of drawings and paintings. She is currently exploring video animations but stopped long enough to paint these Spring crocuses for our newsletter. You can see more of Edina's artwork in the Gallery section of our website, which you find at [www.kiranstrust.org](http://www.kiranstrust.org)

If you fancy exhibiting your art then send it to us and we'll create a gallery space for

you and you can show off your work to others. (All works remain your property).

These are uncertain times and can be stressful and isolating, however there are many things you can get lost in - take a pencil and a piece of paper, and you have an artist's palette! Please look after yourselves and take care of each other...and get creative!

## **NEWS UPDATE**

Since our last newsletter there have been a few things that have happened and started prior to the lockdown. So here is a quick wee update for you...

- We were delighted to be chosen as one of six recipient charities in the marathon Scottish Coast to Coast cycling event! This event was supposed to take place in May, however it has been put back until September. Andy Auld, a depute head at Larbert High School, will cycle in the event representing us.
- Scottish Book Trust - Kiran's Trust is supporting 'StoryMag' which is all online and can continue as planned. SBT are currently open for submissions to the 'Imagining a better future' issue (a topic chosen before all of this happened!).
- Central Taekwondo Academy - This year Kiran's Trust will support the development of young people in the club via a matching scheme with the Academy funds. This was already underway successfully before the lockdown started. We will continue this method of support once things get back to normal.
- In December, we supported a highly successful Magic School on the Road outreach project. This included events at primary schools in areas of deprivation in Edinburgh and the additional special needs Carrongrange High School in Grangemouth.
- Also in December we partnered MagicFest and The Rock Trust - a homeless charity, to present a photographic exhibition to raise awareness of homeless young people. 'The Power of Perspective' exhibition featured a group of young people (aged 16-25) at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- Two projects were supported with Edinburgh Young Carers - Clowning Around and a Christmas family evening with food and a film at the Cinema - A Christmas Carol.
- Lastly you'll find the Directors' Report for 2019 on the website under Company at [www.kiranstrust.org](http://www.kiranstrust.org)

## **You shop. Amazon and Easyfundraising give.**

We are delighted to tell you that being part of Easyfundraising for the past several years and more recently Amazon Smile has been very successful and that's to do with you...the shoppers! Over £1000 has been raised via Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile. This is all at no cost to you whatsoever...just keep shopping.

If you want to further this support then sign up at [Easyfundraising](#)

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**THANK YOU!** If you live in or visit Edinburgh then please patronise our business supporter...Wm Christies Butchers in Bruntsfield. Mention our name and thank them for their support!

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