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This year we have made great strides and moved into the digital age with our website. Louise Dickson, has made a great job of setting it up and it has now been on line since the beginning of the calendar year. Amendments and additions will be made as and when required. At the time of writing this Newsletter 739 visits had been made with all reading the four pages and it was noted that most came from Edinburgh University followed by Glasgow and then the Highlands and Islands.. We are now beginning to receive completed application forms on line and this saves stationery and postage which is very welcome.

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The Trust covers the UK and Ireland and although fees for universities in Scotland are free there are those who require help to purchase books, materials etc to enable them to pursue their courses.

This year we have disbursed £4,096 to 7 awardees. Grants have been awarded to : – Annabella who is currently in the process of completing her final year to gain a Diploma in Linguistics and Translation and she has received financial assistance to purchase dictionaries; Kirstine is pursuing a course at the college of art towards a B.A. in Combined Studies (Art and Design) and asked for financial help to purchase materials and finally

Loans.– Beth has commenced her studies to gain a B.A. as a Social Worker; Joanne is working towards a Diploma as a Chartered Banker, Fiona is studying for a degree MA in Corporate Social Responsibility; Helen is studying to gain a B.A. in Humanistic Counselling and finally Pauline is studying for a post graduate diploma/M.A. in Psychodynamic Theory and Practice.



A retired Principal Teacher of Home Economics, Louise has been involved with voluntary groups ever since she joined the Brownies as a child. Her experience includes being a Guide District Commissioner, Secretary, Treasurer and President of the Altrusa International Club of Ayr and being Treasurer and then Secretary of Altrusa International District Thirteen. She has for the last three years been the Chairperson of North Ayrshire Citizens Advice. Her pastimes are handicrafts, cake decorating, gardening, family tree research and travelling. Louise also enjoys going to the theatre and cooking new dishes to eat with a glass of good wine.

If you are looking for funding to improve your career prospects or wish to donate please contact us at -

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FAYE

We were delighted to hear that Faye had graduated in January 2011 and here are some photos to prove it –



Hello Yvonne

Sorry I didn't send the graduation photos sooner. I enclose 2 photos. One is of me alone and the other is with my Uncle and my parents. It was an excellent day. I had lunch with my Uncle (left in the photo) as he couldn't manage dinner then had dinner with my parents who couldn't manage lunch. All in all a day of indulgence and it made it all seem worthwhile. I met up with a few of my fellow MBA students and we were all relieved the hard work is over. If you want to use either or both photos that would be fine.

I have managed to get a temporary secondment in NHS 24 as a Project Manager. It is not the ideal role as its is on the same salary and project management is not really my thing. Its good however to get into the business side of the organisation. My main project is to upgrade one of NHS 24's websites.- When the secondment finishes in May I'll apply for a permanent post which hopefully I'll have a better chance of getting now that I've work on the business side.
Faye.

Thank you Pam, for your kind words.

It has been a hard but very rewarding couple of years, but none of it would have been possible without the financial support from the Altrusa Careers Trust. Quite honestly, your generosity and faith in my ability to finish the degree not only motivated me to spur onwards but quite literally enabled me to actually finish it, when I thought that it may not be possible due to my financial limitations. Words cannot begin to thank you for your kind support. I will also send you a copy of my final dissertation if you are interested, when I get my final mark.

Kindest Regards.

Have a good weekend!

Anna..

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Annabella is studying to become a Translator

This is her letter in reply to being awarded financial help towards purchasing Elsener's Dictionary of Economics, Business Finance and Law and exam fees.

Dear Trustees

"Sorry for the delay in replying. It has taken me a while to collect the various receipts. Your support has been a tremendous help to me. I'm a little bit nervous about the exams at the end of January (2012) but am doing my best to prepare for them. The dictionary will be extremely useful. Thank you again and I will keep you informed about the exams.

Yours sincerely

Annabella.

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And finally a note from Beth. Who is studying for a B.A. to become a Social Worker.

"It has been amazing to get through the first year with having to get into debt and it is reassuring to know that you are out there.