



Altrusa
Careers
Trust

UPDATE

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ANOTHER BUSY YEAR.

Rosemary McDiarmid one of our founder Trustees resigned due to ill health. Sadly, earlier this year, her husband, Iain, died and Rosemary moved into a care home in Dunoon, where they moved to from Annan, since Iain's retirement. Rosemary has worked unstintingly and supported the Trust for 23 years. In view of this, Raye Lennie, the administrator, has been invited and accepted the invitation to become a Trustee.

The Trustees, at the spring meeting, agreed that there was a strong need to set up an ACT website and we are currently looking into this. This would include criteria and application form which could be printed off by applicants and sent straight to the P O Box thus removing a layer of administration.

SPONSORSHIP

It is always a challenging assignment to read through the many application forms which we receive annually. Each Trustee marks them independently and the highest cumulative totals are awarded either a loan or grant. This year we have awarded three applicants sponsorship. Sylvia, who is training for a BSc Honours in Acupuncture, Laura who is studying to become a primary teacher and Anna wants to obtain an M.A. in Disability Studies.

SPONSORSHIP – 2009.

Last year we sponsored Faye, a single parent who had been made redundant. We are delighted that Faye who is studying for an MBA through the Open University, has made this her priority and is endeavouring to complete the course by November of this year. In the evenings Faye works for NHS 24 to help support herself and her son.. It has not been without its share of blips but Faye is a determined lady and keeps us informed, on a regular basis of her progress.

DISBURSEMENTS 2010.

13 applicants will be awarded a loan, subject to their references meeting the Trust's criteria, Their chosen career paths are both interesting and diverse and include seven towards funding for tuition fees, three to purchase course books, one towards painting equipment, one towards computer software, one towards childcare costs and finally one to purchase musical instruments., Payments are made to the university, bookstore or a recognised childcare provider and not to the individuals themselves.

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To apply for a loan or to make a donation please contact the Trust as under :

**Altrusa Careers Trust
P O Box 6160,
Orkney, KW16 3WY**



16.09.10

To,

The Altruser's Trust,

First and foremost I would like to start with what a pleasure it is to be able to share my story and express my gratitude and appreciation to the Altruser's Careers Trust.

My journey began back in 2007, I was having a very difficult time meeting the costs of my course I had started in 2006. My passion is musical theatre and it was a dream of mine to complete both years and achieve my diploma.

With the very generous aid of the Altruser's Careers Trust, I can not only say I have graduated, but since graduating I have been given further opportunities.

In 2008 I was offered a teaching post at Stagecoach, training the early stages year 5, drama, singing and dance - which I love!

I have also worked professionally, some credits include; Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows and more recently I have worked for channel 4, advertising a new programme!

I cannot express enough, my gratitude and how grateful I am for the aid I so desperately needed. I can only hope I might be able to return the gesture in the not too distant future to someone else in a similar position.

Nicola Williams.

Letters

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to thank you for your generous grant which I received in 2007 while studying medicine at Edinburgh University. This was used to undertake a period of study in Tasmania and Sydney which otherwise would not have happened. I have since graduated and have spend the last two years working as a junior doctor in Edinburgh. I am, however, returning to Australia at the end of August to train for a further 18 months as a junior doctor, I am returning to the same hospital that I previously studied at thanks to your grant. I firmly believe that my previous attendance at this hospital was a major contributor to the offer of the job here. I therefore believe that the grant has had a huge impact on my future career.

Yours Sincerely,



Samantha Blackley

Dear Mrs Stewart,

Re: Loan for £350

Many Thanks to the Trustees for the above loan.

My course finishes in July 2013 and I hope to be in work shortly after this time to begin repayments.

Receipts from the college and Details are enclosed.

Thankyou once again!

Yours sincerely
Anne Wiltier

BUSINESS

On the 3rd November the Trustees held the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Altrusa Careers Trust in the Library of the Stewart Society, George Street, Edinburgh. At 10 a.m. prompt we gathered for coffee, chat and a briefing of the day's events. Half an hour later the AGM commenced. Unfortunately, at the last minute, our Auditor, Margaret Walsh, was unable to attend due to a business emergency. This was followed by the general meeting when Louise Dickson joined us. Louise had been invited to join the committee with a brief to set up a web site. After the usual business, Louise gave an excellent presentation and we are looking forward ,with anticipation, to viewing the finished product. A break for a sandwich lunch was a special event when Faye, whom we are sponsoring, joined us and this was commemorated by Karolina, a professional photographer, who popped in to take the under-noted The meeting was concluded at 3 p.m. when both Pam and Raye set off to the airport to catch flights to Bristol and Orkney respectively; Louise to Irvine, Faye to Glasgow and as for me, a short walk home. One of the advantages of living in the city centre!

The Team



Yvonne (Chair) on the chair!



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Left to Right - Pam, Yvonne

Front Row - Raye & Faye