



NEWSLETTER *September 2017 : Issue 3*

Following the passing of Angela in 2012 at the age of 31, The Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust was set up in 2014 with two main aims. Firstly, to provide grants primarily for children and young people, to help them find faith or help them in developing their faith. Secondly, to assist in the development of music in worship by providing grants for access to relevant courses and events and/or the provision of musical instruments. Grants can be made to individuals or organisations to further these aims. To date, the Trust has supported those involved in overseas mission and various churches, individuals and musical projects throughout the country to the extent of grants given or pledged in excess of £22,000. The following are a few of the many updates and quotes we've had from those supported by the Trust.



Tenor Horn Delivered

In May this year the Trust was delighted to supply a Tenor Horn to a young lady leaving school and continuing her studies in music. One pleasing aspect of this grant is that it was given to a pupil at the school where Angela taught.



Scripture Union Basecamp Events



In 2016 the Trust gifted an amount to Scripture Union which allowed them to sponsor young people to attend Basecamp and help develop their faith.

The following is a testimony about one girl's week away. She said: "This past week has honestly been the best week of my life, I mean I've had some pretty good weeks but this one takes the cake! My team has helped me grow so much, as a person and also spiritually...the leaders have guided me so well, and led me to a point where I reaffirmed my faith and am so much more involved..."

This year the Trust has helped support the week-long LeadUP programme which is aimed at those who are over 18.

A Young Fiddler's Visit to USA and Canada

"I cannot thank you enough for helping my daughter to go on tour to the USA and Canada with the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra. Her playing has improved as well as her confidence in playing and is most obvious in her participation in the church worship band. It is a real joy to see her using her skills to help others to worship. The tour was fun certainly, but it has really been so much more than that."



And from the violinist: "Thank you so much for your support. I really appreciate it. I had an amazing time on my 17-day trip playing concerts at venues in New York and Ohio, Montreal and Toronto. Our last visit was to Ayr, Ontario, where we joined in with their celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Canada. I have come quite a long way on violin and am planning to do my Grade 5 soon. I am very happy to tell you that I have been getting involved with worship at our church. Thank you again for your support."

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In addition to those mentioned, the Trust has also given further funding to:

Gracefull Choir and the Youth Ministry in Carluke
Further applications are being considered.

The ongoing work of the Trust has been made possible due to Angela's legacy and the support of many individuals since the Trust's foundation. We are, in particular this year, grateful to Helensburgh Baptist Church for their generous gift.



An Evening of Music

An evening of music was held on 24th March in Cupar Baptist Church, hosted by the Trust. Many friends from around Fife joined together to enjoy music provided by a ten-piece band and singers formed from the Trustees and two of Angela's friends, playing music old and new in a variety of styles.



There were opportunities for the audience to participate as well as instrumental items and duets, including You Raise Me Up.

During the evening Craig Webster, Chairman, gave an update on the work of the Trust and we heard from Ruth MacBean about a project in Malawi which the Trust has supported, providing musical instruments and equipment to "Echoes of Grace", a group of young people taking the Christian message into their local communities.

The evening was not a fundraiser but donations were given and divided between the Trust and the project in Malawi.



We Would Love to Meet You



Angela's Trust is now becoming established but the Trustees would welcome the opportunity to come and speak at your church or meeting. This can be a five-minute talk or we are able to provide a musical programme to suit your needs.

*The aim of meeting with others is **not** to raise funds but to promote the work of the Trust so that others may benefit.*

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