

The Cuthbert-MacLean Foundation

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Report From The Chair

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It is with great pleasure that we report on a very successful first year of financial support granted by the Cuthbert-Maclean Foundation to deserving causes.

Applications to the Foundation are made by form of a letter or email. This ensures ease of access to the Foundation and prevents potential applicants being daunted by a lengthy application process.

Criteria for application for financial support are as follows:

1. The advancement of education
2. The advancement of religion
3. The advancement of citizenship or community development
4. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science
5. The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

The Foundation does not provide services but works with organisations which provide services to those in need. The focus of financial support is to grant to projects which have clearly defined aims, objectives and are outcome focused.

The decision making process happens in the form of meetings which are attended by the Trustees or by communication via email. This ensures that organisations and applicants do not have to wait till next Trustees meeting before receiving a reply to their request for funding.

So far this year the Foundation has supported a broad range of projects such as;

1. Ayrshire Hospice; funding was given for play equipment and also for part funding of course fees towards training for a Play therapist to provide support to children who were bereaved.
2. Financial support towards course fees and books to a young man from a deprived area of Glasgow who is undertaking a Masters Degree in Neuroscience and Research into diseases of the Brain.

3. Finance to Edinburgh Young Carers Project which provides support to young children who care for parents who have addiction issues. Young children were able to experience a recreational weekend away providing them with the opportunity to have positive childhood experiences which they otherwise do not have access to.
4. "Keep Calm St Charles"- financial support was given to this project which aims to provide support to children who have been diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorders who attend a primary school in Glasgow. The project are in the process of fundraising for a multi sensory room and safe space for children who face ongoing social and communication challenges on a daily basis.
5. 63rd Girls Brigade in Cranhill in Glasgow; financial support was provided to young people who live in a deprived community to attend recreational outings to learn new skills and provide them with opportunities they may not otherwise have access to.
6. Financial support given to young people undertaking pilgrimage with the Templar Pilgrimage Trust.
7. Ciobhair Bharraigh; a nursing home in Barra where many large comfortable chairs were purchased for the day/sitting rooms to enhance the lives and comfort of the elderly residents.
8. John Aves Educational Project; support to fund a young person to study Midwifery to deliver babies in Refugee camps.

All of the projects mentioned have so far expressed immense gratitude for the support provided by the Foundation and for the valuable contribution that this has made to the lives of young people, elderly people, young Carers, children in poverty and bereaved children as well as young people on pilgrimage and pregnant women in refugee camps.

The Foundation has also received recognition and acknowledgment in various publications and websites of the organisations that have been supported by the Foundation.

We look forward to granting more projects and organisations the opportunities of improving the lives of people who would benefit from financial support that they may not otherwise have access to.

Caroline McMahon
Chair of The Cuthbert-MacLean Foundation
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