

16th September 2014

Dear Andrew

**Sailing Bursaries - Cirdan Sailing Trust Voyage
2nd to 8th August 2014**

With reference to the above and in furtherance to our previous email and letters, please find attached our young people's voyage report. Your Trust's bursary award of £800 in respect of this voyage was received from your treasurer, Rupert Salmon, on the 12th August 2014.

Whilst our initial 4 bursary applications to The Royal Thames Yacht Club Charitable Trust included Maxine Bennie, personal family circumstances resulted in Maxine having to withdraw from this particular voyage. The Trust was however able to find a last minute replacement in Fraser Stirling, another disadvantaged local young person who has clearly gained benefit from his substitute role.

The other major change to this voyage was of course the fact that as host agency, Girvan Youth Trust was responsible for recruiting the full crew of 15. This requirement was achieved through the inclusion of additional local young people and other disadvantaged young people from Oban, our point of departure, and Berwickshire in the Scottish Borders.

The fact that this was a multi-youth group voyage has resulted in the attached voyage report being a joint collection of views and comments from everyone concerned. The decision to submit this alternative format of voyage report has been made in regards to repetitiveness and the fact that several of the young people concerned have a poor level of literacy. I have however attached the full report from Lewis Gray, a young 16 year old, who clearly has a future as a creative writer!

It is clearly obvious from both, the collective report and Lewis's personal story that this, our maiden sailing voyage with Cirdan, was of significant individual and collective benefit to all young people concerned. The positive impact that the voyage had on our young people is also reflected in the reports from Yvonne and Susie, the two accompanying Youth Workers. The 'cast' has certainly been made in regards to greater friendship and partnership working between all the young people and the 3 youth groups.

The success of this latest voyage, has as always, generated a heightened interest and demand from other disadvantaged local young people. To this end, I also now attach new bursary applications in relation to a forthcoming voyage with the Jubilee Sailing Trust between 13th and 18th October 2014. Sailing to and from Southampton, this 6 day sail on Tenacious will provide a unique and beneficial

opportunity to Maxine Bennie and Andrew Leng. Both of these young people are, despite their own personal issues, two of our most proactive and positive role models within our local youth work. Their commitment and dedication in supporting other disadvantaged local young people is both, inspirational and commendable. The third application is in respect of a local 24 year old volunteer who has likewise overcome unemployment, financial hardship and personal issues in order to provide reliable support and guidance to Maxine, Andrew and other disadvantaged young people who access GYT/The Z1 Youth Bar. She will be an excellent mentor and role model for Maxine and Andrew on this voyage with JST. I would again be grateful if The Royal Thames Yacht Club Charitable Trust would give favourable consideration towards awarding £200 in respect of each of the attached applications.

I am fully aware and appreciative that the attached 3 applications and requested collective bursary of £600 brings closure on our allocated annual bursary award of £2,000. I can however assure you and the Trustees of The Royal Thames Yacht Club Charitable Trust that such a generous donation has made a life changing difference to so many disadvantaged young people. Such positive long term impact making a parallel positive difference to Girvan Youth Trust's ongoing work and support of the disadvantaged local young people residing in our recognised deprived community.

The ongoing success of Girvan Youth Trust and in particular our support of the more disadvantaged youth within our community, would not of course be possible without the valued, continued support of others. Once again thanking the Trustees of The Royal Thames Yacht Club Charitable Trust for their generosity and shared vision towards our grassroots youth work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information and/or clarification on the attached reports or applications.

Yours sincerely

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