

Allt Dearg Educational Trust - Annual Report at 31st July 2017

2016-17

In our fourth year we received 25 applications. We awarded grants to 20 young people totalling £20,000. We expect to support them throughout their course.

4 young people who first received grants in 2013-14, 7 young people who first received grants in 2014-15 and 7 young people who first received grants in 2015-16 continued their courses in 2016-17, so in 2016-17 the Trust supported 38 young people, with grants totalling £41,222.

Primary school attended	Achahoish	Ardrishaig	Tarbert/Skipness	Tighnabruaich	Other
Successful applicants	1	7	3	1	8

The table below demonstrates the range of courses being studied by the students awarded grants for the first time in 2016-17. While some students were starting their courses for the first time, others were already part-way through, and indeed some were entering their final year. Where support has now ended as the course has been completed, the outcome for the student is shown.

University/College	Course	Expected to graduate	Outcome
University of Edinburgh	MA Primary Education with Scottish Studies	2019	
University of Strathclyde	MSc Electrical & Mechanical Engineering	2021	
Glasgow Caledonian University	Mental Health Nursing	2019	
City of Glasgow College	HNC Care and Administrative Practice	2017	HNC Care and Administrative Practice. Continuing to BSc Adult Nursing Glasgow Caledonian University
University of Stirling	Digital Media BA (Hons)	2020	
University of Strathclyde	Electrical and Mechanical Engineering - Masters	2021	
City of Glasgow College	HND Retail Management	2018	
Stirling University	BA Sports Studies with Film and Media	2020	
Glasgow Caledonian University	Building Surveying	2020	
Queen Margaret University	BSc Nutrition	2017	BSc Nutrition. Interviewing for post as Dietetic Clinical Support Worker

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama	B Mus vocal performance	2018	
University of Edinburgh	Bsc Sport and Recreation Management	2020	
SRUC Barony	HND Animal Care	2018	
Edinburgh Napier University	(BA Hons) Business Studies with Marketing	2020	
Edinburgh Napier University	International Business	2020	
University of Abertay	BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science	2017	BSc (Hons) degree in Sport and Exercise Science (First Class). Management position with an independent running specialist retailer
University of Stirling	B Acc Accountancy and Finance	2021	
University of the Highlands and Islands	Adventure Performance and Coaching	2020	
University West of Scotland	BSc Adult Nursing	2018	
University of the West of Scotland	Nursing	2019	

Progress of 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 young people

University/College	Course	Outcome
University of Glasgow	BVMS	BVMS with commendation. Now working as a vet in a mixed practice
University of Strathclyde	BSc Honours, Pharmacology & Biochemistry	BSc Biochemistry and Pharmacology Hons (2.2) Continuing to a Masters MSc pharmaceutical analysis
SRUC Edinburgh	HND Environmental Management & Sustainability	HND Environmental Management & Sustainability. Continuing to BSc.
Edinburgh Napier University	B Eng Mechanical Engineering	BEng Second Class Honours (1st Division) in Mechanical Engineering. Now doing MSC Advanced Materials Engineering

2017-18

44 young people applied for grants for 2017-18. 33 were successful. Grants were awarded at a flat rate of £1,000, giving a total of £33,000.

Primary school attended	Achahoish	Ardrishaig	Tarbert/Skipness	Tighnabruaich	Other
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Successful applicants	1	9	4	0	19
University/college	Course	Expected to graduate			
University of Edinburgh	M Inf	2022			
University of Glasgow	Msc Hons Marine And Fresh Water Biology	2019			
Glasgow City College	NQ Sports Therapy/Access to Sports Therapy	2018			
Stirling University	BA Hons Digital Media	2021			
Glasgow Clyde College or Glasgow City College	HND Creative Industries: Television	2019			
SRUC Edinburgh	HNC Applied Animal Science	2018			
University of St Andrews	Bachelors of Science in Computer Science	2020			
University of Strathclyde	MEng Aeromechanical Engineering	2022			
UHI, Perth College	HNC Childhood Practice	2018			
Leeds Beckett university (formerly Leeds metropolitan)	MSc (Pre Reg) Occupational Therapy	2019			
Glasgow Caledonian University	BSc Adult Nursing	2020			
SRUC Edinburgh	Environmental Management	2019			
Glasgow University	MA (Hons) History/Politics	2019			
City of Glasgow College	HND Advertising and PR	2019			
Perth College	HNC Music (Vocals)	2018			
University of the West of Scotland	Midwifery	2020			
University of Strathclyde	MChem Chemistry with Drug Discovery	2021			
University of Edinburgh	MBChB in Medicine	2023			
University of Dundee	BSc (Hons) Computing Science	2020			
University of Glasgow	Diploma in Professional Legal Practice	2018			
University of Strathclyde	MSc Pharmaceutical Analysis	2018			
Edinburgh Napier University	MSC Advanced Materials Engineering	2018			
Glasgow Caledonian university	Computer games (Art and Animation)	2020			
University of Strathclyde	Meng Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering	2019			
Glasgow Caledonian University	Bsc (Hons) Adult Nursing	2018			
University of Glasgow	Bachelor of Music Honours degree	2018			
University of Stirling	Masters in Child Development	2018			
UHI, Perth College	HNC Music	2018			

University of Edinburgh	Meng Electrical & Mechanical Engineering	2020
Glasgow Caledonian University	BSc Hons Physiotherapy	2019
University of Abertay	BSc (Hons) Computer Games Technology	2020
Edinburgh Napier University	BA hons Social Sciences	2021
Kings College London	BMedSci	2018

Summary for 2017-18

In 2017-18 we will be supporting 60 young people. A total of £63,000 will be paid in 2017-18.

Primary school attended	Achahoish	Ardrishaig	Tarbert/Skipness	Tighnabruaich	Other
	4	19	9	2	26

40 of the current students will continue to be funded in 2018-19 (subject to successful completion of this year's studies)

Mary Broadfoot

31st July 2017

What the young people tell us....

I am the first person in my immediate family to go to university and from day one there has never been any pressure to achieve certain grades or classifications from my family, they just wanted me to work hard and do my best. However, I have always been quite tough on myself and wanted to attain the highest grades possible; I didn't see the point in going to university to give any less than my best. So, without further ado, I'm very proud to tell you all at the Allt Dearg Educational Trust that I graduated from Abertay University on Thursday 06th July 2017 at the Caird Hall in Dundee with a First Class BSc (Hons) degree in Sport and Exercise Science.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the Allt Dearg Educational Trust for the funding that I received to help me through my final year at university. It is difficult to put into words how much the funding helped, but hopefully my original application form, my first report and this last report will give you some idea of how much hard work, time and effort I've been applying at university to achieve the best grades possible. The funding allowed me to cut down on my part-time work hours which, in turn, meant that I could focus more time on studying and university work. In addition, the funding helped me to be more financially stable in my last year of university which gave me one less thing to worry and stress about. I believe this was a key aspect of me being able to succeed academically in my final year of university.

(RD, Sport and Exercise Science, Abertay University)

Overall I am delighted with how my first year on the course has went and also relieved to find I love being on placement and learning the tasks that will be required of me once I'm fully qualified. Again I would like to thank Allt Dearg Educational Trust for the funding as it has been difficult fitting in hours for my part time job on top of the full time placement hours I already do and your help has enabled to relieve a lot of the pressure as a result of this. I look forward to updating you on my progress come the end of the year.

(DW, Mental Health Nursing, Glasgow Caledonian University)

I have finally finished my years at City of Glasgow College, doing my HNC Care and Administrative Practice and I loved every minute of it. A few months ago I received an offer from my first choice University which is Glasgow Caledonian University to do Adult Nursing. I am so happy and proud of myself to get this far as I never thought I would when I left Lochgilphead Joint Campus to move to Glasgow to do my NC Health and Social Care. Thank you again for your support in giving me this grant as I am extremely grateful for all the help I get and it only helps me get closer to fulfilling my dream career as being a nurse.

(ED, HNC Care and Administrative Practice, City of Glasgow College)

And one even wrote about how the Trust had helped her for the Squeak!

GRADUATION



KATHRYN MERRILEES

Graduated from University of Strathclyde with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Pharmacology. Kathryn is the daughter of Kenny and Kathleen Merrilees, granddaughter of John and Catherine Gorrie, Lochgilphead and Jim and Muriel Merrilees, Bishopbriggs.



Kathryn Merrilees studied at the University of Strathclyde with financial help from the Allt Dearg Educational Trust.

Ardrishaig student thanks Allt Dearg

A STUDENT from Ardrishaig has thanked the Allt Dearg Educational Trust for providing her with a grant.

Kathryn Merrilees, who studied BSc Biochemistry and Pharmacology at the University of Strathclyde, has said the grant helped relieve her of financial pressure while away from home.

The student, who graduated in June, said: 'The money I was awarded has helped alleviate some of the financial burden associated with studying at university while living away from home.'

'The grant has helped me buy my textbooks

and other university essentials and a bus ticket to visit home every now and again.'

Kathryn is now studying a masters degree in Industrial Biotechnology at Strathclyde and is hoping to enter full-time employment next year following five years in higher education.

Knowledge

She continued: 'I hope to seek a full-time job once graduating next year using the knowledge I will have acquired over the five years at university.'

'I am so thankful to the Allt Dearg trust for everything they have helped me with.'