



**"All for Art and Art for All"**

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### Gordon Arts Exhibition AGM Information

In 2017 following the close of the Gordon Arts Forum, the Gordon Art Exhibition Committee was established as a separate organisation for the Garioch Arts.

With no funds, no constitution and no readiness for an art exhibition the question as to how would a handful arts enthusiastic people, interested and keen on maintaining a well established cultural event to continue for the people of the Garioch area.

To all involved, our task seemed enormous and formidable and as we set about making it happen it was not without its' problems. After some very hard work and intense meetings we had a constitution, and some bodies but, no money and bank account.

Our mission was twofold, as a committee, to organise and provide an art event either equal to or of good standing that would increase public awareness, appreciation and recognition of the creative people in the Garioch area and their talent, its to the planning board.

*After much consideration of the opportunity before us, to create something different and to encourage, and promote the cultural diversities within our area we decided to experiment by involving the local primary and secondary schools to take part and local artist to participate in a showcase event.*

In March of 2018 our first year, it would all happened in the usual place, the Town Hall. We did ok but not brilliant, however, The Gordon Art Exhibition Committee had learned a lesson. Next year would be different.

Later in 2018 with plans to hold a second exhibition, Still with no definite financial backing, and only just opened a bank account we would get started, our thanks goes out to Margaret Jane Cardno of the Aberdeenshire Council Garioch Area Committee and Dawn Brown of the Garioch Partnership for their interest, support, and advice in helping us, ( the Committee) to gain funding from the Aberdeenshire Garioch Area Committee.

Following a meeting with Margaret, an putting forward our case for financial support a total of £1,750 given by the Garioch Area Committee which enabled not only less of a worry but the opportunity to get on with the necessary planning of the event.

Introducing the Artist Showcase alongside the Exhibition, (a great brain wave by one of our own) was an absolute stunner

This our second year of the Gordon Art Exhibition/Showcase Event would take place in the Garioch Heritage Centre.

Paul Ritchie of Colliston, (Local Artist) kindly officially opened our preview evening and handed out awards/certificates to our primary and secondary school art entrants.

We also operated a raffle for two local charities, (For the Love of Garioch and The Talking Newspaper). With just over 800 people in through the doors to view the event, we raised over £600.00 which was shared between both charities.

All members of the Gordon Art Exhibition Committee would like to thank Paul Ritchie for giving up his time to support us, all the people and organisations who supported and helped us during the four days of exhibiting, The Garioch Art Group, the Bennachie Art Group, all the Showcase Artist, the staff of the Garioch Heritage Centre, the management and staff of the Loco Works Cafe.

Finally to the Members of the Gordon Art Exhibition Committee my personal thanks for their endeavour and fortitude under extreme circumstances.

Chairman