



## The Archie Foundation Newsletter October 2023

Dear Friend,

It looks like we've finally said goodbye to summer, but what a lovely long summer it was! Our supporters were out in full force raising funds and awareness for Archie and our staff and volunteers have been hard at work making the difference for babies, children and families when they need it most.

I hope you enjoy this little round up of what we've collectively done and achieved over the last couple of months.

With best wishes

Paula Cormack

Chief Executive

PS - do drop me a line if you have any comments or suggestions and please share this newsletter with colleagues, friends and family who might be interested to know more about our work.

### Volunteers Turned Out in Style and Sunshine to Celebrate Aberdeen (and Archie!)



August saw the return of what is arguably Aberdeen's most celebrated event - Celebrate Aberdeen! Archie volunteers, staff and supporters turned out in style and glorious sunshine to show their support for the charity and indeed for the entire third sector. The Celebrate Aberdeen Awards are now in their fourth year and Archie has this time been shortlisted in no less than five of the eight categories. This is huge testament to the hard work and brilliant support from so many individuals - staff, volunteers, donors and supporters. Thank you so much for being part of Team Archie and making what we do possible.

### 26th August Was A Popular Day in the Archie Fundraising Calendar



In addition to Celebrate Aberdeen we had cyclists taking part in Ride the North and our amazing Ambassador Lucy Stewart and her mum Claire organised an Ice Hockey match that raised £12,875 for Archie. To round it all off we had a brilliant Disco Ballin the evening which was such a hit attendees have now formed a committee to start planning the next one. Save the date - 14th September 2023 - this is an event not to be missed!

### Team Sandy Took On Dundee Kiltwalk To Support Archie's Work in Tayside

Team Sandy are firm fans of Kiltwalk Dundee. Mum, Vicki, even opened their 2022 'Mighty Stride' with a short speech about her brave son, Sandy, who had successfully undergone cancer treatment and surgery in 2019. Tragically just one month later, a routine scan revealed that Sandy's brain tumour had started growing again. Over the last year Sandy has undergone further surgery and has also now started weekly chemotherapy. Having benefitted from Archie's support at Tayside Children's Hospital, Sandy and his parents Vicki and Greg (and lots of other like-minded Archie supporters!) took on this year's Dundee Kiltwalk to raise funds so Archie can be here for others when they need us. Our very own Tayside Team - Jamie-Leigh (fundraiser) and Audrey (bereavement coordinator) - joined in and collectively Archie Tayside Kiltwalkers raised an incredible £7,000!



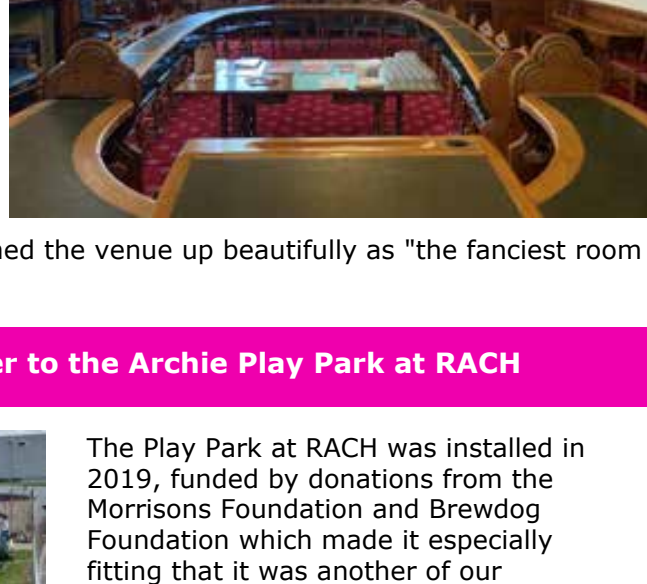
### Fired Up and Raring to Go - Our New Fundraising Officer for Archie Highlands



Last month we welcomed Zoe Grant on board as our new Fundraising Officer for Archie Highlands. One of her first meetings was with Bonk and Co who handed over a big cheque after many months of fundraising for Archie. Zoe will be working with Managing Director, Alex, and Sales Manager, Neil, to support the company's ongoing fundraising and share insights with the staff team about the difference their support is making. Zoe joins us at a brilliant time to also help our amazing Highland Fundraising Committee with the final preparations for their Moonlight Ball, and with a degree in Event Management this is right up Zoe's street! Zoe is really looking forward to getting to know our supporters in the Highlands so please do drop her a line to say hello.

### New Territory for Archie's Child Bereavement Service Conference

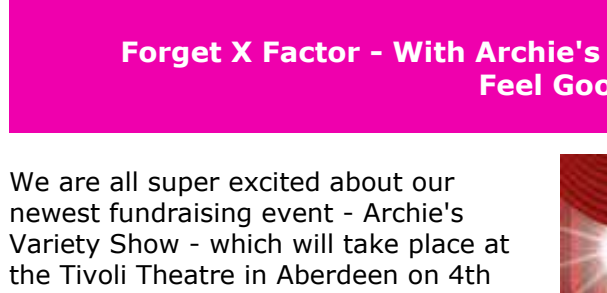
Our Child Bereavement conferences have been well received in the Grampian region for many years and with the service now extended into Highlands and Tayside it was fitting to host this year's conference in Inverness. The event was well attended by child professionals from the education and social work sector and well supported with excellent speakers including those with lived experience and professionals from other organisations we work in partnership with. Our conference was generously hosted at the stunning Inverness Town House by the City's Provost. Our Bereavement Support Worker, Jane, summed the venue up beautifully as "the fanciest room I've ever delivered a workshop in!"



### Volunteers Bring Extra Cheer to the Archie Play Park at RACH



The Play Park at RACH was installed in 2019, funded by donations from the Morrisons Foundation and Brewdog Foundation which made it especially fitting that it was another of our corporate supporters, Piper Sandler, who added the finishing touches last month.



22 of their staff dedicated their annual volunteering day to transforming the perimeter fence of the play park into a beautiful rainbow. The difference it has made to the approach to RACH is incredible and one young patient coming into hospital just as the team were finishing up brought home why we all do what we do. He skipped up the path with his mum saying "This place is so fun! I love it!". If your workplace is interested in volunteering to support Archie and the children and families we're here for, please drop us a line.

### Forget X Factor - With Archie's Variety Show It's All About The Feel Good Factor

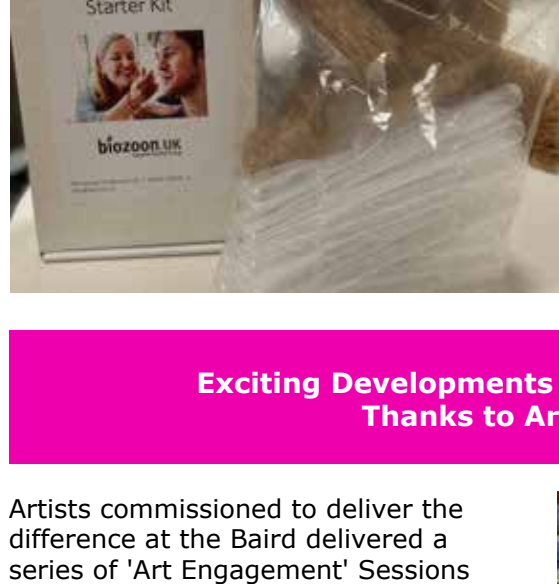
We are all super excited about our newest fundraising event - Archie's Variety Show - which will take place at the Tivoli Theatre in Aberdeen on 4th May 2024. The show will be made up of 12 acts and the whole event is about giving children who have been supported by the charity or by NHS Grampian the chance to shine. This will be a truly collaborative and inclusive event, with special acts in the line up so parents and also the NHS staff who are centre stage in the lives of so many children can take their place in the limelight too.



Applications are flooding in and our first named performer is eight year old Izzy Noble who has been receiving treatment for cancer at RACH. In addition to performers we also hope to engage industry professionals to act as mentors, giving advice and guidance to help boost performers' confidence as they prepare for the big day. Last but not least, we have lots of sponsorship opportunities to help ensure the event delivers as highly in fundraising as it surely will in feel good factor. Click here to find out more and get involved.



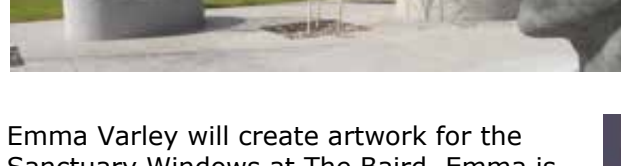
### Funding Specialist Equipment That Makes The Difference For Young Patients



Every funding application we receive tells a story. Some are heart wrenching. Others heart warming. Many are both. And some are just plain - wow! Like the request to fund a really innovative "Biozoon" kit, which turns liquids into flavoured bubbles. This came to us from an NHS colleague on behalf of a patient diagnosed with Bublar Palsy due to neurological damage from cancer treatment. Patients with this condition cannot eat or drink orally but the Biozoon allows them to savour flavours safely without any worries about breathing problems or lung damage. A brilliant example of NHS colleagues' partnership working with our NHS colleagues to really make the difference! Could you help fund a piece of kit like this?

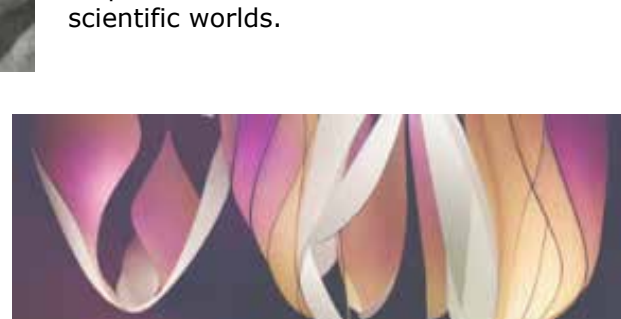
### Exciting Developments For The Baird Family Hospital Thanks to Archie's Baird Appeal

Artists commissioned to deliver the difference at the Baird delivered a series of 'Art Engagement' Sessions last month. With the external build work so well progressed we can now start to visualise where each of these works will be sited and the artists really appreciated feedback and insight from NHS staff, service users and Archie donors about what they would hope to see and most importantly feel on site. Archie gave his tuppenceworth and it's not too late to have your say. Each of the artists has an open survey - click on the links below for more info.



Joseph Hillier has been commissioned to develop and design six Courtyards at the new Baird Family Hospital. Joseph specialises in making sculptures of humans and abstract forms that respond to the natural and scientific worlds.

Emma Varley will create artwork for the Sanctuary Windows at The Baird. Emma is an artist and educator, whose multidisciplinary practice explores innovative parallels between analogue and digital techniques. She has created artwork solutions for healthcare environments across Scotland inspired by the natural world focused on biophilic design.

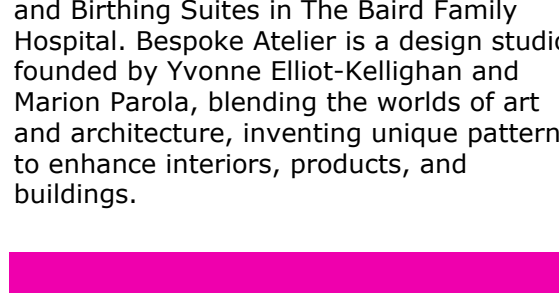


Colin Davies has been commissioned to develop, design and install art in the reception area, waiting areas, lift lobbies, stairwells, atrium and main street within the new Baird Family Hospital.

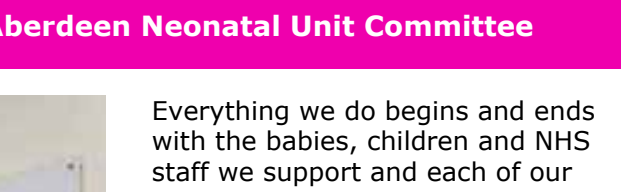
Louise Kirby will create artwork for the wards and also the all important corridor linking the Baird with RACH and ARI. Louise designs artwork for various settings from site-specific places to enhance placemaking within the public realm such as colourful pocket parks, colourful crossings, decorative gates and murals or to enhance interior spaces for healthcare settings, organisations and homes.



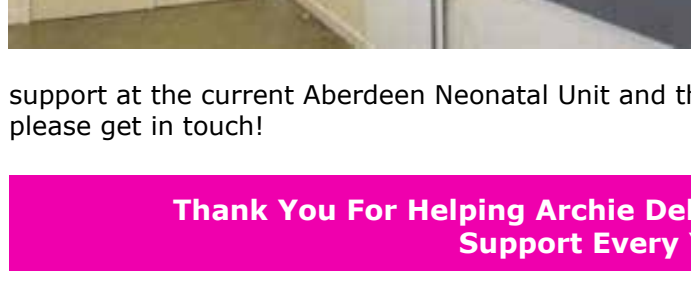
NEON Studio has been commissioned to create artwork for outside of the new The Baird Family Hospital. The NEON team is composed of Mark Nixon and Villina Koivisto. Mark is ARB chartered architect and Villina is a visual artist with an education in fine art and arts management. As a team, they have designed and delivered a wide range of different permanent and temporary art projects in both interior and exterior spaces.



Bespoke Atelier will create artwork for the Terraces Accesses in The Palliative Care and Birthing Suites in The Baird Family Hospital. Bespoke Atelier is a design studio, founded by Yvonne Elliot-Kellighan and Marion Parola, blending the worlds of art and architecture, inventing unique patterns to enhance interiors, products, and buildings.



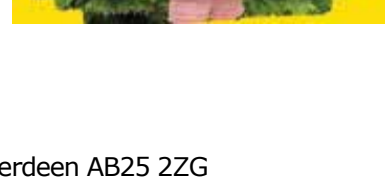
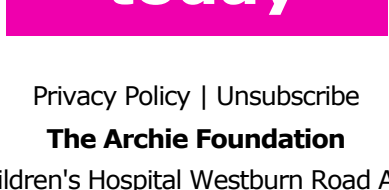
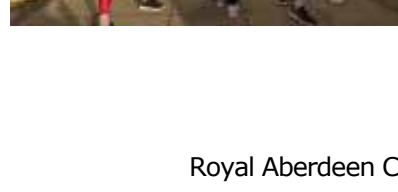
### New Members to Join Archie's Aberdeen Neonatal Unit Committee



Everything we do begins and ends with the babies, children and NHS staff we support and each of our services benefits hugely from committees who guide and shape what we do and help us get the support to those who need it. Our committees are made up of professionals working in these specialist fields and individuals with lived experience. We are actively looking for new members to join our Neonatal Committee. Do you have experience of neonatal care? Could you spare some time to help shape our support at the current Aberdeen Neonatal Unit and the new Baird Family Hospital? If so, please get in touch!

### Thank You For Helping Archie Deliver Increasingly More Support Every Year

We have only just started quarter 4 of the year and already we've exceeded many of our 2022 achievements and figures shown below. We couldn't achieve any of this without the fantastic fundraising efforts of amazing people like you. Thank you so much for caring!



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