

A practical response to some of the challenges: To Absent Friends Festival

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Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief

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to absent friends ...

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a people's festival of storytelling and remembrance

1-7 november 2014

Because dead ordinary people live on in the memories and stories we share.



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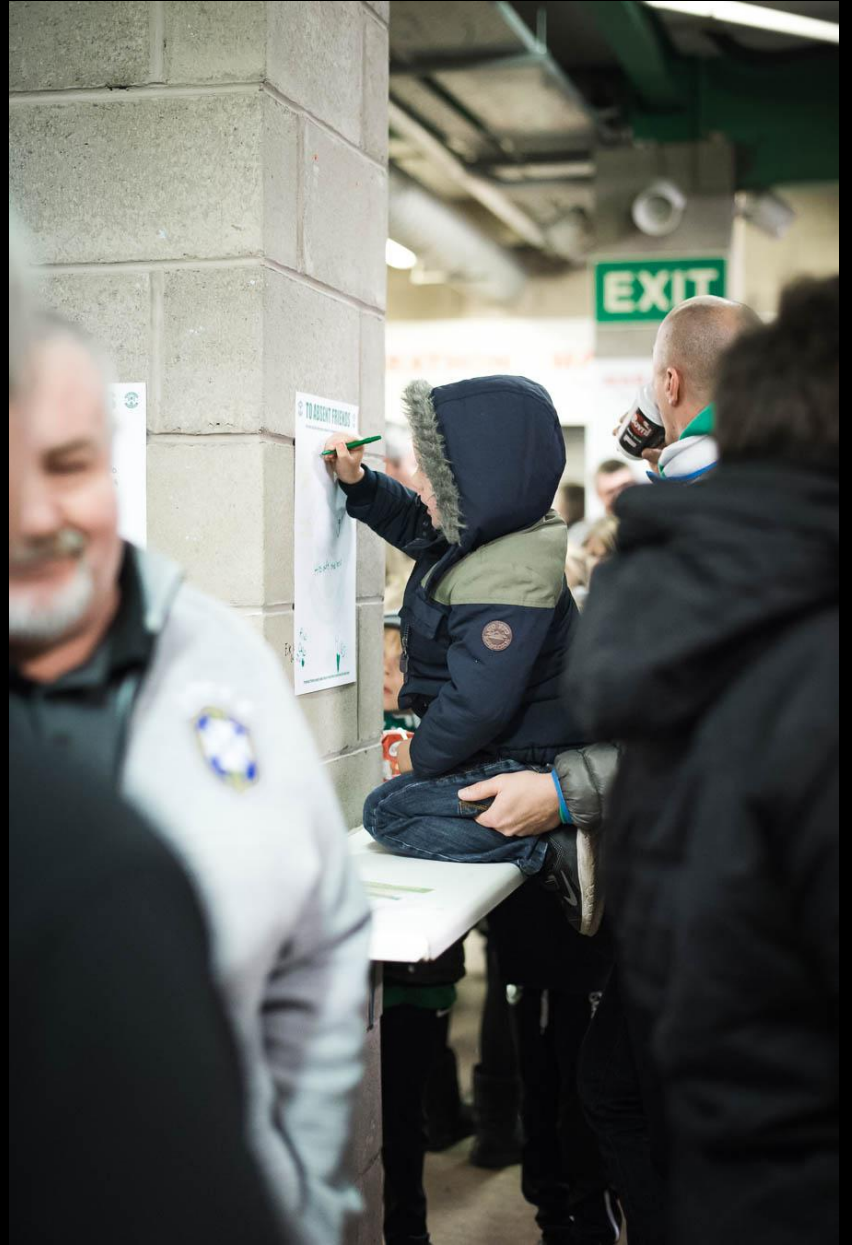
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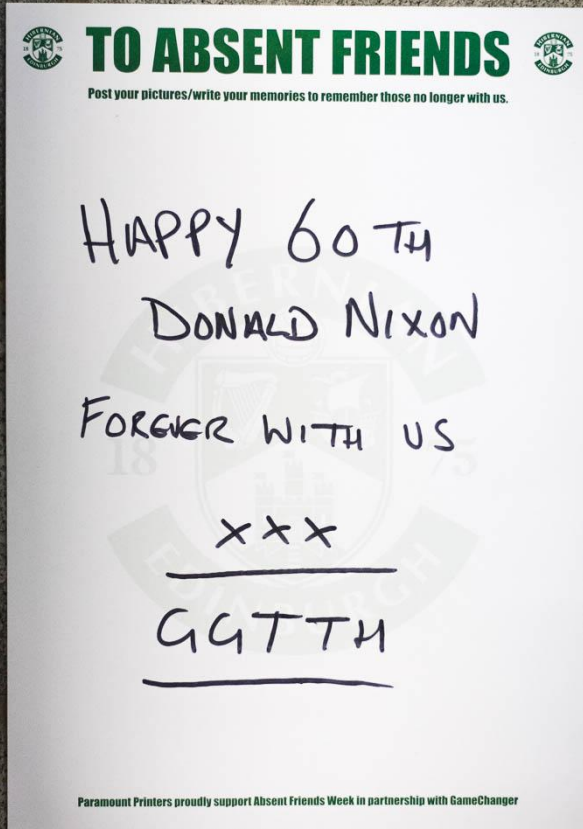
Post your pictures/write your memories to remember those no longer with us.

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GRANDAD RICK ♥ from LEWIS

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“ We are delighted that this was so successful.

The club is often contacted by supporters who have lost loved ones, seeking some kind of way to remember them, and To Absent Friends gives us a real and appropriate way to do that. ”

Leeann Dempster,
Chief Executive





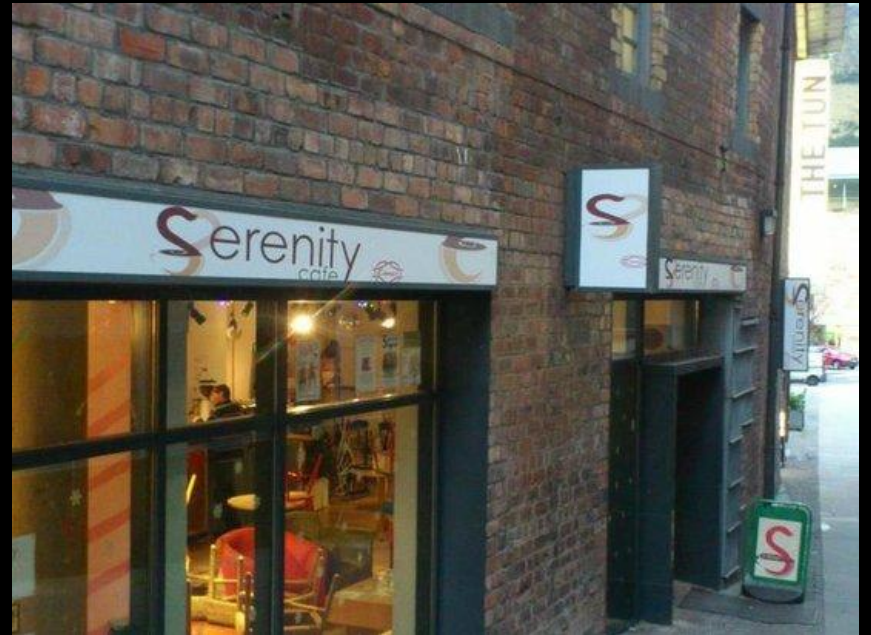


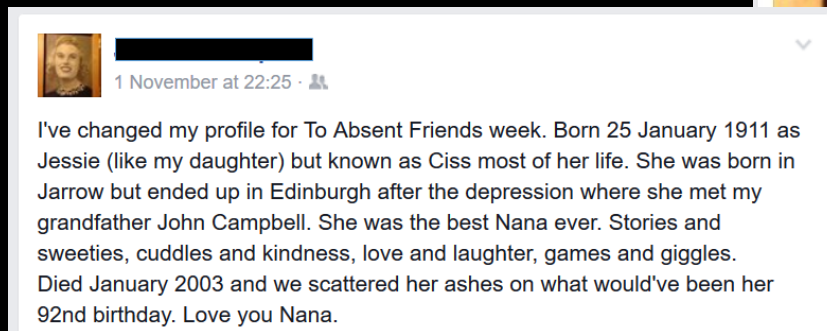
“ The audience enjoyed the concert very much. We had the aimed for mix of tears and laughter.

Many of them related to the words in the songs and poems and felt a connection with each other and the performers.”

Jacqueline King,
Tartan Harmony







“ It was lovely to be given permission to talk about my loss. ”

“ It's been lovely chatting about my husband and telling you all about him even though I had a wee cry. ”

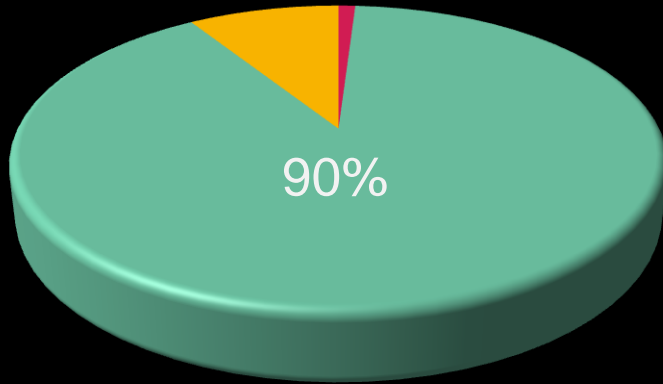
“ What a great way to start talking about a horrid subject. ”

“ It was simple, yet profoundly healing, to share mementos and photos of my family. ”

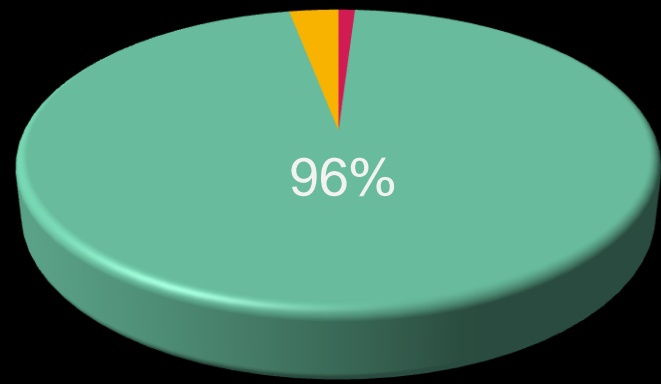
“ This is so nice to be able to talk about my Dad and not feel an overwhelming sadness. ”

“ It's new to me to do this. I wish I had started years ago. ”

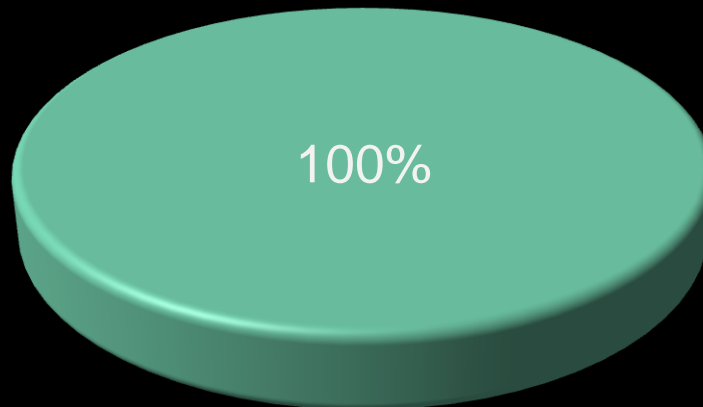
Was taking part
a positive experience?



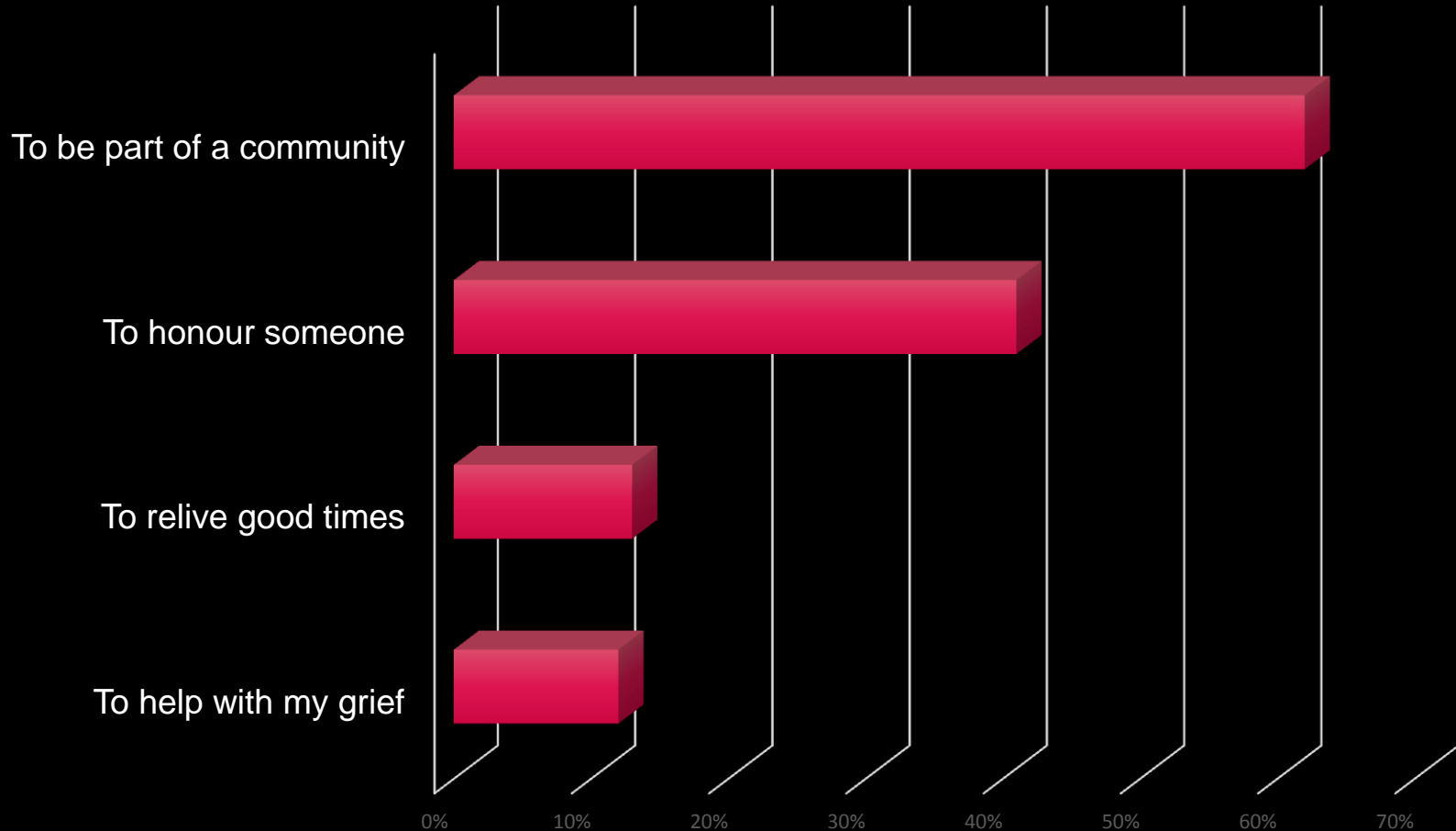
Do you think it is helpful to have
opportunities to remember those
who have died?



Would you take
part again?



Why did you take part in To Absent Friends?





Engaging with
schools, teachers and
young people.





Resonates with people from
different walks of life





“The concert and associated activities went far beyond expectations in enlivening conversations, listening to heartfelt stories and bringing the generations together.”

Nurtures
compassion in
communities

62% of questionnaire respondents said they found being part of a community was one of the most valuable aspects of To Absent Friends



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