



Music4U - E Bulletin 2

Welcome to the second Music4U e bulletin - the chance for you to find out more about what is happening across our region.

Music4U offers musical opportunities to young people under the age of 18 living in challenging circumstances throughout York and the Humber Region. Music4U is supported by Youth Music and works in partnership with the East Riding of Yorkshire, Hull, North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and York and is led by the National Centre for Early Music in York.

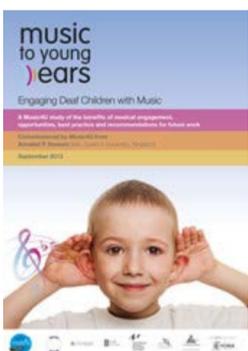
Music to Young Ears Conference



Watch the inspirational film taken at the 'Music to Young Ears' Conference held in May at the National Centre for Early Music. The conference was the culmination of Music4U's Music and Deafness Research Project and was attended by 90 delegates from across the country. It featured six inspirational speakers who talked about the importance of music to the under 5's with hearing loss, discussing how musical engagement benefits their development and ways in which technology can support access to music.

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Music and Deafness Research



The Music4U research paper, which focuses on music-making with deaf children under 5, has now been published. The research examines the current level of provision for young deaf children across the Music4U region and identifies examples of national and regional best practice. You can either view the report online or download a copy of the report from our website.

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Deaf Trumpeter is an Inspiration!



Following on from the 'Music to Young Ears' conference, speaker Sean Chandler visited York for a two-day residency last month, organised by primary school-teacher Molly Newton and Helen Martin, Senior Practitioner for the Deaf and Hearing Support Team at the City of York Council, to work with deaf primary and secondary school children within school settings. He talked about his joy of playing an instrument and the confidence it gave him and the children had an opportunity to try out a range of different brass instruments and many of them were keen to start learning to play. The local press came along to see what was happening!

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Digital Musical Map Developments



There are now over 60 recordings/videos on our Digital Musical Map covering a wide range of projects across our region. Check out the Colours of Music tracks in Hull where we worked with four special schools to devise and perform a new take on a traditional Indonesian folk story, using gamelan, voices and soundscapes. Also listen to the Youths Lutes 'n' Ukles tracks recorded in York where 200 primary school ukulele players from York schools had the exciting opportunity to work with members of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain and the Theatre of the Ayre in a unique collaboration. In North East Lincolnshire you can watch the music videos the rock musicians created as part of their Arts Award at Immingham's Young People's Centre.

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Creativity Project



This project has been designed to support young people and work with them to create new music. Over 30 new pieces have been developed ranging from ukulele-based pop songs by community groups through to Gamelan pieces by young musicians with special needs. These pieces are featured on the digital musical map so do take a look. There will also be a research document available in the New Year, which documents young people's approach to making new music and the ways in which their development in this area can be best supported in the future.

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Music Employability Skills Training Events



Music4U will be running two music employability skills training events in Spring 2014, designed for young people aged between 16 and 18 years interested in a career in the music industry. These events will explore music progression routes, how to find work as a performer and will look at the many other jobs connected with the music industry and will offer useful tips on how to find jobs and apply for them.

The events will be run by Melanie Paris, Marketing Consultant and Karen Merrifield, Business Education Advisor and will include a number of young people who have jobs in the music industry.

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Featured Partners Projects

Hull - Colours of Music Orchestra in Hull



The Colours of Music Orchestra - a collaborative ensemble of young people from special schools in Hull - worked with three artists during the summer term to create and perform an original interpretation of the traditional Indonesian folk tale, Too Too Moo and the Giant.

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National Centre for Early Music - Youths, Lutes 'n' Ukles



Two hundred young ukulele players from York schools had the exciting opportunity to work with members of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain and the Theatre of the Ayre in a unique collaboration.

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North East Lincolnshire - Immingham Rock School Workshops



The Immingham Rock School sessions now take place at the Oasis Academy Immingham, which has fantastic new facilities which include state-of-the-art music rooms and equipment.

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North Lincolnshire - Rock Academy



The new North Lincolnshire Rock Academy was launched last April and the initial 12 week project ran from April through to July.

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York - Trash Bang Crew

Trash Bang Crew has been the inspiration of Billy Hickling from the well-known percussion group STOMP. This project used junk instruments and body percussion to engage young people through outreach workshops in schools, youth clubs and pupil support centres and regular weekly sessions at Door 84 Youth Club.

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Conference & Training Events

Arts Award Discover & Explore Adviser Training
Autumn 2013 - Nationwide

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Music Education Expo
7 - 8 February 2014
Barbican Centre, London

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Instrumental Learning for Deaf Young People
12 February 2014
The Media Centre, Huddersfield, HD1 1RL

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Inclusivity Festival
Organised by Accessible Arts & Media and NYMAZ
1 March 2014
Sir Ron Cooke Hub, University of York

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