

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are pleased to start the new year by announcing our Year 3 funding has been confirmed!! We are really pleased and proud to be able to continue supporting young people to improve their lives through music making. Thanks to Youth Music and the Alliance for a musically inclusive England.

After reflecting on 2019, here are some of the things we delivered:

- Approx 360 young people involved in music making
- Approx 260 music sessions and workshops
- 10 performances and events
- 6 young people led social action projects
- 2 short films made
- 16 young people took music exams
- 15 young people achieved Arts Awards
- Approx 25 music leaders working on projects
- 6 national conferences about music education
- 2 team trips to the Music Education Expo
- Lots of music making!!

Additional thanks to Middlesbrough Council, Middlesbrough Town Hall and all of our partners for continued support for our work - Let's make 2020 even better!

Opportunity for young person/people to receive £250 to put on their own gig!



Give a Gig Week is one of the most exciting events in the Youth Music calendar where musicians from across the country put on a gig.

Since Give a Gig Week began in 2017, more than 300 (fundraising) gigs have taken place. We've had support from many **amazing young musicians** from Youth Music funded organisations, as well as from the likes of Clean Bandit, Bicep, Aurora, Craig David, Nadia Rose and Madison Beer!

Be part of Give a Gig Week 2020 (27 March – 5 April 2020)

We want to put young people front and centre of this year's Give a Gig week. Supporting skills development in producing, presenting, promoting, performing, fundraising, budgeting and more through first-hand experience of organising a gig.

With MUSINC support, young people can apply for funding of up to £250 to cover the essential costs of putting on a gig.

The gig would be part of a national line-up and could be a great opportunity for young people to network with other Youth Music-funded organisations, performers and venues in the local area. There is no fundraising target attached but if you choose to fundraise, any money raised can be split between your organisation and Youth Music.

Contact us at musinc@middlesbrough.gov.uk if you know any young people who would be interested in this opportunity.



Arts Award Advisor upcoming training dates

<https://culturebridgenortheast.org.uk/events/search/-/2019-10-17/2022-10-17/15521/14/>

Music leader of the month

Josh Bentham! For always having a smile and being consistently enthusiastic!

Practitioner networking session and Inclusion webinar by Drake Music

27th January, 6pm – 8pm @ Middlesbrough Town Hall

'The Big Ideas, Unpacked' is a dynamic and interactive conversation on what inclusion means in the context of music education. MUSINC will be signing up to this webinar live from Middlesbrough Town Hall and we will take part in the live conversation as a group.

Before the webinar (6pm – 7pm) practitioners have the opportunity to socialise, chat and network informally. For more info about the webinar click here:

<https://network.youthmusic.org.uk/join-us-step-webinar-inclusion-big-ideas-unpacked>

Free music activities for young people in February half term!

MUSINC Music Production Accredited courses (Rock School Grades 1 + 3)

Dates: 18th , 19th & 20th February 2020

Time: 10am – 3pm each day

Venue: Bluebridge Studios @ Myplace, Middlesbrough

Cost: Free of charge

For all ages (depending on suitability)

Booking contact: musinc@middlesbrough.gov.uk 01642 728379

Are you interested in recording music and using the studio? Are you interested in sound production and live music?

Come along for 3 days of music production activities led by experienced music tutors.

If you attended our previous course, you will complete Grade 3, and if you are a newcomer you can complete Grade 1. Both Grades are accredited by Rock School.

No previous experience or knowledge necessary. Participants must attend all 3 days.

STEEL PAN WORKSHOPS

Dates: Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February

Time: 10am – 12.30pm each day

Venue: Middlesbrough Town Hall

Cost: Free of charge

For Children age 9-13

Booking contact: Box office @ MTH 01642 729729 boxoffice@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Pre-Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

Come along and try Caribbean Steel Pan for Free !

You will have the opportunity to learn and perform some fun Caribbean songs on a unique instrument- The Steel Pan.

No previous experience or musical knowledge necessary – complete beginners welcome

Professional development

Applications open for MUSINC practitioner support internship (paid)

This opportunity is open to music leaders of any age, at any stage in their career but have a genuine commitment to working with young people in challenging circumstances and who live and/or work in the Teesside area. You will be working alongside the Musinc team based in the Old Box Office at Middlesbrough Town Hall, TS1 2QJ and you will develop your own individual programme of work which could include visiting MUSINC projects, shadowing music leaders, event management, project support (office based).

Visit our website for an application form, or email/call us for more information.

MC² – A Mini Conference on Musical Inclusion and Mental Health

Friday 31 January, 8.45am - 1.45pm, Sage Gateshead

50% discount for Music Education Hub staff and music teachers, Youth Music funded organisations and students using promo code MC250.



Sage Gateshead is delighted to present MC², the first in a new series of mini conferences for Music Leaders, music teachers, project workers and musicians working with children and young people that are experiencing challenging circumstances.

MC² will include presentations, workshops, insights and a panel discussion on the topic of Musical Inclusion and Mental Health. Delegates will come away with new knowledge,

insight, skills and contacts.

Booking here <https://bit.ly/2rbTloP>

Middlesbrough College have a range of free online Level 2 courses based on understanding a range of challenging circumstances, very relevant to our work – check them out!

<https://www.mbro.ac.uk/career-choices/course-search?area=DIST&page=1>

<https://culturebridgenortheast.org.uk/events/search/-/2019-10>