



## Musinc Bursary Policy 2024

### About Musinc

Musinc's vision is that every person experiences the benefits that music making brings. Based within Middlesbrough Town Hall, we aim to break down barriers that may prevent people from participating in musical activities, whether financial or otherwise, to ensure that all people, regardless of background or circumstance, have opportunities to make music.

### Musinc's funding:

We receive funding from Arts Council England and the National Foundation for Youth Music, which means that we can offer full bursaries for our activities for those where finance is a barrier. We also have a fund for access support, which can be used for participants who are facing non-financial barriers.

We want to ensure our funding is used in the best way, so our Bursary Policy is based on the following:

- We want everyone to be able to access all activities, regardless of circumstance or background.
- We know that some people need opportunities to be free of charge due to financial barriers.
- We also know that there are many other barriers that people face that may prevent them accessing opportunities, that are not necessarily financial.

### Our Bursaries:

Our bursaries offer participants a free place in their activity. This may be subject to availability.

### How to apply:

Participants can request a Musinc bursary at any time, whether you're a new participant or whether you've been attending our activities for a while.

To apply for a bursary, participants need to get in touch with the Musinc team to request our Bursary Application Form. This short form has space for you to self-describe your needs. We use this form, alongside any barriers you might have outlined on your activity registration form, to determine if we're able to offer you a bursary place.

**Once we've received your bursary application a member of Musinc staff will contact you to confirm whether we are able to offer you a free place.**

We may also be able to offer financial support for transport and access, supporting you to overcome barriers which may not necessarily be financial. Please get in touch with the Musinc team to enquire.

*When signing up to one of our activities we ask you to complete an activity registration form, which includes protective characteristic data. Collating this information helps us to monitor our impact and ensure that we meet the needs of local communities by doing all we can to break down barriers. The information you provide is also used anonymously in our reports to funders to evidence our work and is not used for any other purpose. We are very grateful for your cooperation in providing this.*