

Musical Connections

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Tower Court Singers wow at York Uni's Music Education Group Party

We love working with students from York University's Music Education Group (MEG). These very talented students lead singing and instrumental workshops with our groups throughout the academic year and we were delighted when, for the second year running, they invited us to an end-of-year summer party at the university. We were treated to some fabulous performances from the students, but it was singers from our group at Tower Court GP surgery who stole the show with their debut performance! This group started less than a year ago, and it took a while for members to build up the confidence to perform in public. Having decided to take the plunge, they proved to be naturals in front of the audience, who LOVED their performance which included George Ezra's Shotgun and The Eye of the Tiger, featuring a highly entertaining boy-band style dance routine. Thank you once again to the Postcode Community Trust, whose grant enabled us to set up the group at Tower Court, as well as its sister group at York Medical Group's Acomb Surgery. And thank you to the students, whose musicianship and warm welcome made this an afternoon that everyone will remember for a long time.

Student Volunteer Wins Award!

As well as benefitting from the work of MEG's students, we have been fortunate to enjoy the services of several University of York student volunteers over the last year.

Charlotte, featured in the photo opposite, has been absolutely amazing in her dedication to our morning group at Glen Lodge Independent Living Community, and we were absolutely thrilled when she won a University of York award for services to our project!



Community Support Makes all the Difference

St Crux day brings in much needed funds

Thank you to everyone who helped make our fundraiser at St Crux such a success. The Musical Connections community choir (newly christened The Rolling Tones) turned out once again to draw in the crowds, and we had so much support from our trusty team of volunteers. Thanks also to Caroline from Tesco, who turned up with extra supplies when we started to run out of refreshments! Such a team effort 😊



Vale of York Academy does it again!

Talking of the Summer Big Sing, this was another fantastic affair at Vale of York Academy, who hosted it for us last week for the third year running. The afternoon was filled with high-energy performances and workshop activities in which the students and their older visitors all thoroughly enjoyed participating together.

Support with transport brings in the crowds

Thank you to the Co-Op Community Fund which is currently helping us to provide free transport to a number of our beneficiaries who would not otherwise be able to get involved because of a lack of affordable and accessible transport. We are also hugely grateful to our volunteer drivers and to the Alan Bott Charity, which kindly lends us their minibuses for our brave musician, Emma Tatnall, to bring participants to events in the wider community. Here they are on their way to the Summer Big Sing!



Thanks to Banks Music Shop and Age UK York

Thanks to a recommendation from Age UK York, Glen Lodge Independent Living Community are now the proud owners of a brand new electric piano, donated by Banks music shop for use by tenants living in the scheme and during our music sessions. This is an incredible piece of kit, and we and Glen Lodge are so grateful to receive it

From Big to Teeny Tiny...

In addition to our work with secondary school and university students, we have been delighted, as always, to run intergenerational workshops with our regular primary school partners, St Aelred's and Ralph Butterfield, and with Haxby-based nursery, Little Green Rascals. We have also been thrilled to welcome Clifton Prep and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (OLQM) back onto the project. At the opposite end of the spectrum to the Big Sing, OLQM hosted our first ever 'Teeny Tiny Sing' with their nursery children – what an absolute delight!



Thank you for reading! July 2019

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