

Musical Connections

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‘You may say we are dreamers...but we’re not the only ones!’



On the 2nd March, performers from across a number of Musical Connections groups took part in an incredible and inspiring fundraising event: ‘The Imagine Project’, in which Wayne Dawson, a student from York St John University, brought together singers from Musical Connections and two other fantastic choirs from local charities – Hands and Voices from Accessible Arts and Media, and Communitas from York St John’s Converge programme – for an evening of singing, signing and amazing fun. Wayne was inspired to organize the event after singing John Lennon’s Imagine at the funeral of 18 year old Ella Batters, who sadly died last year – Ella’s mum, Karen, and her friend, Nicky, worked tirelessly alongside Wayne, raising a total of £2,700 for us and AA&M, and we are so grateful to them all. Read on to see more photos from this wonderful evening...

Gorgeous gamelan with students from York

University! Participants from Barstow House and Gale Farm Court had a fantastic time last week, joining Community Music MA students to learn about and play the gamelan, a large Indonesian percussion ensemble. The students led a great session, and our participants thoroughly enjoyed this new experience, described eloquently by Guiliana from Barstow's group: *'It added a new dimension to the sound of music, a very different kind of music...at our age, it's good to do something complete different - very inspiring!'*



6th Formers from York College enjoy music and fun at Morrell House care-home: students from York College's Music Development Centre have been visiting our project for several years now. This term, Morrell's residents we were joined by a lovely group of student musicians who took part in a range of workshop activities over the course of 3 weeks.



Continuing to bridge the generation gap with local primary schools.....



Our intergenerational programme continues to flourish, and we have run no less than 18 intergenerational events since January, with over 90 of our regular participants and more than 120 children and young people. Here are some photos of sessions with our longstanding partners, St Aelreds, who enjoyed a 2-week project at Glen Lodge sheltered housing scheme, and Ralph Butterfield primary, who took part in a Eurovision themed workshop at Haxby Hall care-home.



Rufforth primary school also enjoyed an exciting afternoon with our group at Gale Farm Court sheltered housing scheme - Aviva, who has awarded us £1,000 from their community fund for our intergenerational work, sent a photographer and a videographer to catch them in action - look out for more info on this in our next newsletter!

A few more photos from the wonderful Imagine Project!



We would like to thank everyone who supported The Imagine Project, as well as all of our other funders and supporters....

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