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dynamic music making with young people

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COVER IMAGE: FRIGHT FEST PERFORMANCE (YOUTH OPERATUNITY)

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Make Some Noise, 1 of 24 Youth Music Action Zones (in England and Wales) provides activities across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent for children and young people with little access to music making. Our mission is to create a sustainable approach to high quality music delivery, to develop strategic partnerships and to advocate for music as both a recreational and developmental opportunity for young people aged 0 – 18.

Welcome to Issue 13 of the Update. Our Updates provide a snapshot of some of the projects delivered in partnership with Make Some Noise. The icons highlight further information available at the click of a button.

INTERACTION KEY



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Staffordshire Sings

Over the past few weeks, the young singers involved in our projects, Staffordshire Songbirds, Mind the Gap & Boyz Noyz rehearsed during their sessions for the Staffordshire Sings event held on 22nd June at the Victoria Hall.

SoundProof Plus

Soundproof Plus has been developed to deliver two programmes of activity over two years. One being a music production programme in partnership with Staffordshire Pupil Referral Units & Children & Mental Health Service & is currently exploring a further expansion with Looked After Children. The second being a band development programme delivered by Planet Sound Community Arts.

“Each year this event promises to be a really wonderful occasion and the young children are always excited.”
Lesley Moran,
Curriculum Team Leader

Music Mapping Award

Arts Council England, West Midlands awarded £20,000 to survey all music activity taking place in Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent. Led by a steering group of regional & local music organisations (including Make Some Noise) & arts development teams, this project will chart all of the current music provision. The results will be vital as not only will it help raise the profile of music making in Staffordshire but local musicians should have a better knowledge of current & future opportunities.

Sonic [db]

Sonic [db] has gained the attention of Radio 1 DJ Tim Westwood with the announcement that he has become the project's Patron. Westwood attended a special event in June to celebrate the work of Sonic [db]. Showcased at the event was the powerful song 'Change the Way' which received national airplay earlier in March on Westwood's show & in 'New Music We Trust'. Westwood said: 'This is as good as many records out there; it's the sound of the street.'

City Songbirds

The 21 City Songbird groups from across the City practice songs every week & 2 nights in June saw Victoria Hall buzzing when the City Songbirds performed delightful seaside themed songs to parents, teachers & VIPs.

Early Years

Building on the success of our established programme of delivery further information can now be found online on our new Early Years Music programme for 07-08. Amongst the programme is an exciting project in partnership with 6 children's centre across Staffordshire which will see a musicleader in residence until March 08.

MaDuLa

Planet Sound's carnival programme came to a close mid June in Planet Sound's 3rd City Centre Carnival Parade. Over 170 people performed in the parade, including participants from the MaDuLa programme.

"I'm very proud to be associated with such an important project. Music is such a powerful force in people's lives that it can bring out the positive & provide opportunities for young disadvantaged people."

**Tim Westwood,
Radio 1**



"We are looking forward to broadening children's centres confidence so that music becomes a natural part of the day."

**Lucy Vines,
Early Years
Musicleader**

Young Leaders & Young Researchers

Two programmes are soon to become available to the young people in Staffordshire called Young Leaders and Young Researchers. Young Leaders will support young people in Cannock Youth Centre as they improve on their workshop leadership skills. Young Researchers will invite young people to explore the impact music has of people's lives as well as feed into the profile raising of Make Some Noise.

Youth Operatunity

Following the success of 'Fright Fest' which was the final culmination of Youth Operatunity (our year long programme working with young people to devise their own piece of music theatre), New Vic Borderlines and The Victoria Hall & The Regent Theatre are planning to continue to support the young people who wish to continue to develop their vocal and acting skills.



The Victoria Hall group

If you would like further information on our projects not featured in Issue 13 please use the links below:

Soundproof - Music technology with families

Access All Areas - Gateway of music opportunity to young people

Bordermoves2 - Urban music and dance workshops

Echo - Listening Room 'Song of the Month'

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