

“ No other visitors have had the reach and power of involvement with the children that we witnessed with the LMN musicians”

Headteacher, The Dales School



LIVE MUSIC NOW NORTH EAST 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

LMN North East covers a large area, from the East Midlands up to Northumberland, and there is increasing demand for our work across the region.

We strive to bring high quality live music to where it is needed most, offering projects that respond to local need as well as bringing LMN's innovative national programmes to the North East.

LMN NORTH EAST: 2017 IN NUMBERS

67 MUSICIANS

649 SESSIONS

18,218 children with SEND reached

23,574 audience members

75 special schools worked with

Live Music Outside the Mainstream – North Yorkshire

This project is part of the NYMAZ Youth Music programme, funded by the National Foundation for Youth Music. We have been working to improve the music making opportunities available to pupils outside mainstream education in North Yorkshire through a structured three year programme of workshops, interactive concerts and creative residencies.

Pupils in 6 special schools have enjoyed regular performances, allowing them to experience a variety of different musical genres. Musicians have also worked with pupil referral units on a series of longer term projects. In addition, LMN group **Maia** delivered an out of school songwriting project for young people in Selby, which has helped participants improve both their musical skills and confidence.



“ This is a fabulous resource for a school an hour from the nearest motorway!”

Teacher, Brompton Hall School

WELLBEING

Engaging with music can benefit everyone's health and wellbeing, particularly older people living with dementia or experiencing loneliness. Yet people over 75 continue to experience live music and arts events significantly less than younger people. Our programme of concerts and residencies in day centres, residential care and hospices helps to address this.

In 2017, we expanded our work with care homes, bringing the joy of live music to many new venues as well as revisiting homes who have already engaged with LMN. We also developed further our 'Songs & Scones' programme for older people living in the community, with sessions running in North and East Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

“ Two visitors caught up with us outside the ward afterwards and commented how much they had enjoyed listening to the music with their loved one, and that it had been an emotional experience. It was a great opportunity for patients to relax and take their mind off from being in hospital, and focus on something positive and enjoyable, in company with family and staff.”

Staff member, Auckland Park Hospital

New Age Music

This groundbreaking UK-wide project aimed to improve wellbeing for care home residents by reducing isolation, providing meaningful interaction and celebrating the voices of those living in care. In our region we worked in partnership with the Orders of St John Care Trust. Pairs of LMN musicians regularly visited 6 care homes in Lincolnshire, engaging residents in musical activities, songwriting, performing and even using technology to create music. Using the ideas, stories and creative input of the people living in the care homes gathered by the musicians during these sessions, composer **Kerry Andrew** created a new piece of music which takes new and unexpected perspectives on ageing.



The composition was premiered in a multimedia performance at Barton Arts Festival, and it can be viewed with the accompanying video by **Jonny Campbell** here: goo.gl/72P98i

Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust Partnership

LMN has a longstanding relationship with TEWV NHS Foundation Trust, who provide mental health and learning disability services in County Durham, Tees Valley, York and North Yorkshire. We have been working with the chaplaincy service to bring live music to patients in mental health inpatient units across the Trust's hospitals. Musicians visit wards where individuals are often experiencing distress and enduring long hospital stays; music provides a welcome distraction, a positive change in atmosphere and an opportunity for self expression.



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Our musicians have visited special schools across the region to provide participatory performances and longer term projects which support pupils' personal, social and emotional development.

SEND Inspire

As part of a national programme, we have been working closely with 6 special schools to provide our musicians with specialist training in working with pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This ranged from short projects delivered alongside a mentor for our newer musicians, to more in depth 'Fellowships' for those with greater experience. At Priory Woods School in Middlesbrough and Talbot School in Sheffield, LMN Fellows **Tom Hawthorn** and **Michael Tinker** worked in partnership with school staff throughout the academic year to enrich musical participation for pupils. This not only provided invaluable experience for the musicians but was also a wonderful resource for the schools involved.



South Yorkshire Special Schools

With funding from the Mayfield Valley Arts Trust and the Whitaker Trust, LMN are able to offer a regular live music programme for special schools in Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster. Schools have access to concerts that introduce pupils to types of music they wouldn't encounter elsewhere, and in 2017 they enjoyed visits from ensembles including **Borealis Saxophone Quartet**, folk group **Alias Trio** and world music duo **Vocal Global**. This was complimented by Musician in Residence projects in 3 schools, allowing pupils to benefit from longer term interaction with our musicians and more hands-on music making, often culminating in a sharing of their work.



"LMN provide high quality performances which enhance pupils' musical experiences in a way that is different from a classroom situation. They give pupils the chance to see professional musicians at work and enjoy the interaction with different musicians also. Keep the opportunities coming please!"
Teacher, Bents Green School, Sheffield

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