

MUSIC PARTNERSHIP NORTH

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Unity Through Music

Reaching out through lockdown

21/22 MUSIC SLA NOW OPEN

All schools are being encouraged to claim the early bird offer!

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND CULTURAL REVIEW

Culture Bridge appoint MPN to carry our review with schools.

MUSICAL RESOURCES

Resources have been issued to schools throughout lockdown.

WE'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY DURING LOCKDOWN!

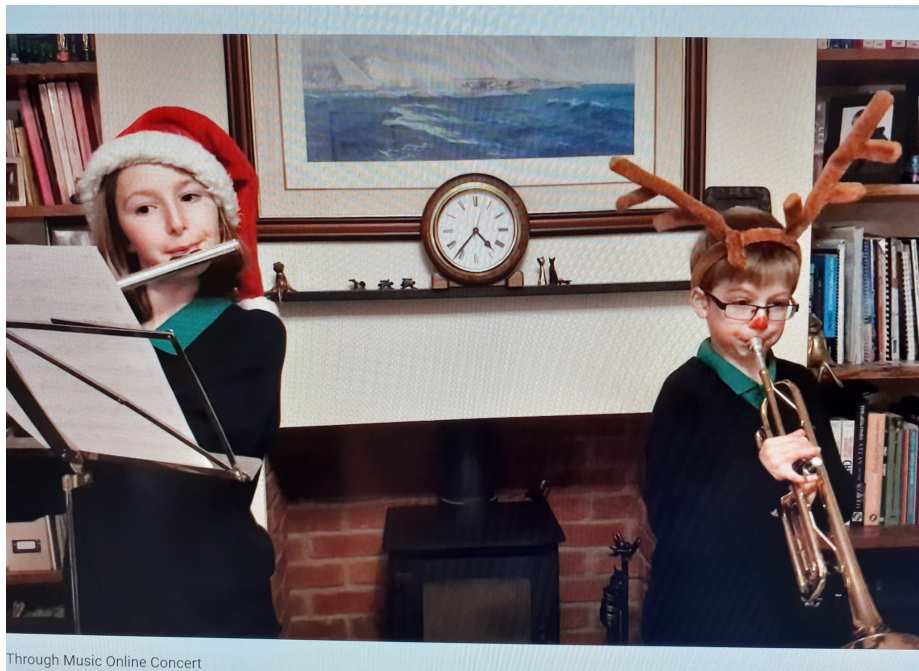
Never has music and the arts been more important

With most of our in person delivery programme suspended in January we moved tuition / ensemble rehearsals / workshops and CPD training sessions online once again. We have continued to issued weekly resources to schools. Why not visit MPN's YouTube channel and see what we've been up to? [click here](#) Or check out the resources on our [website](#).

We are delighted that all students are returning to schools and music tuition is starting again across the region. We continue to work closely with schools to ensure that all requirements are in place to keep everyone safe.



click here to watch the fantastic
[Make it Crisis this Christmas](#)



Through Music Online Concert

UNITY THROUGH MUSIC

Students from across the region were united through music in a streamed online concert.

On the 16th December, 89 students from across Northumberland and Newcastle came together to perform. Through funding received from Northumberland Cultural Fund and MPN Charity, students had the opportunity to join an ensemble, rehearse online together and perform.

At the same time an online competition was launched for students to submit their own performance pieces. These were shortlisted and the winners were included in the main concert.

The competition entries were so good that they were all included in two additional online performances. Visit MPN's YouTube channel and watch all these videos here: [UTM](#)

- 76% of students said their mental health improved through their involvement
- 89 students performed
- We had 2212 online views within 1 month!



WHAT PEOPLE ENJOYED THE MOST

"Paige absolutely loved taking part and had beaming smiles as we watched the concert and she appeared as a competition winner. We also loved watching the pipers and other bands too"

"Practising with other people playing the same instruments, having a goal to work towards"

"The final product was absolutely fantastic. Thank you so much. Honestly its the best Christmas present anybody could have given us and the children's Grandparents too." "It really helped my daughter feel less isolated. Music is her only extra curricular activity and these groups were wonderful for her mentally!"

"I loved The social side and the end result which was very moving"

"it was great having the opportunity to share with others what I have learned as a beginner since March."

NONE OF THIS IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT FUNDING.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF MPN PLEASE VISIT THE MPN CHARITY WEBSITE AND MAKE A DONATION TODAY.

WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR REGION.

[Music Partnership North Charity](#)





NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT REVIEW

- MPN have been appointed to deliver a consultation in schools across the North of the county on behalf of Culture Bridge North East (CBNE), looking at barriers to cultural engagement and solutions to these.

Through this consultation CBNE are:

- Undertaking research to understand if, how and why these schools are engaging with culture and the arts, and if they are not, to understand the barriers facing these schools and how these might be overcome.
- Develop a plan for locally delivered programmes to run alongside our regional Creative Classrooms, Cultural Leadership in Education, Arts Award and Artsmark programmes.

MPN are delighted to be working with CBNE and further information around our findings will be available later in the year.

BSL YOUNG PEOPLES SIGNING CHOIR

Do you know of someone aged 7-11 who would like to join Music Partnership North's BSL Young Peoples Signing Choir? To register, please forward this link to anyone who is interested:

<https://rb.gy/dz9psh>

Registration closes 19th March. Sessions are FREE via Zoom on Mondays 3.45-4.30pm, starting Monday 22nd March 3.45-4.30pm



SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR MUSIC PROVISION IN SCHOOL

Both Northumberland and Newcastle have just launched their updated SLA to all schools in their area. There are a number of new packages this year including early years, a full CPD package and an instrument library membership.

Both the CPD package and Instrument membership are available to all cultural partners. Why not have a look at the offer and please drop us a line if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

[Northumberland SLA](#) [Newcastle SLA](#)



ACE CULTURAL RECOVERY GRANT

MPN have submitted a funding application to Arts Council England to support the service due to a significant loss of income during the past 12 months.

If successful we will have additional funding to support families who will struggle to access extra curricular musical activities due to a change in their circumstances.

Whilst the past 12 months have been very challenging we still have a mountain to climb as we saw a 75% decline in the number of students receiving instrumental/vocal tuition during lockdown.

We will find out at the end of March the results of our application!



QUICK LINKS TO ITEMS ON OUR WEBSITE:

[The Unity Through Music Video](#)

[Make it Crisis this Christmas](#)

[Ensemble Membership in
Northumberland](#)

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Newcastle](#)

[Online resources for schools](#)

[Service Level Agreement for
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