



Music for the Many

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Our aim is to bring equal opportunities back into music education by offering all our children a chance to learn an instrument, in school, for free.



Challenge 500

Can you help us find 500 people to share the gift of music?



Wow! We've just celebrated one whole year of music teaching in Todmorden!

It's been an incredible journey – thank you for being part of it.

We now have 5 exceptional tutors delivering weekly lessons to over 80 children in Todmorden – all funded by your generous donations.

The children's enthusiasm is inspirational – and infectious. More and more children want to learn, but we can't expand until we are sure we can keep on delivering the best for Todmorden's young people.

To make this happen, we are launching our birthday appeal.

If we can get 500 people to commit to pay just £2 a month, we can afford to take on a new school, so a whole new group of Todmorden's children can benefit from the Music for the Many approach.

So can we ask you to go to www.justgiving.com/musicforthemany today, and commit to paying just £2 a month? Or, if you are already giving, to share our challenge with two other people?

If you can't spare any money right now, don't worry, there are plenty of other ways you can support us – by helping at our events, sharing our Facebook posts, and spreading the word among your family and friends.

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We celebrated our first birthday in style on 8th March with international opera superstar, Nicola Mills, who shared not only her immense and beautiful voice and joy in music, but also her moving story about how free music provision changed her life. We also had a chance to hear some of our hard-working and confident children performing in public for the very first time, and they were amazing! There was even a birthday cake! It was wonderful to see so many proud parents and carers there to support their children.



Then, on 18th March some of our young musicians had another chance to shine, with a musical presentation to a Hebden Bridge Women's Institute, who have adopted us as their charity this year, raising lots of money and donating instruments for our newest pupils.

Todmorden's mayor, Andy Hollis, is a keen supporter of Music for the Many, and helped us raise money through the fabulous *Jazzical* concert on 30th March at Todmorden Town Hall. This featured some outstanding players from the worlds of jazz and classical music in collaboration to produce a joyful, remarkable, eclectic evening's entertainment. One of the acts, 'Beware of Trains' are generously donating funds from the first month's downloads of



their new single to Music for the Many. You can find the link on our Facebook page.

Finally, we are delighted to have a brand new tutor, violin specialist, Emily Alexander. Emily has an illustrious teaching career, and is already making a big impact in our schools, inspiring, and being inspired by, our children.

Upcoming events

13th April, 11-4pm, various locations in Hebden Bridge. Hebden Bridge Women's Institute **Rag Market**: A great chance for anyone crafty to pick up a bargain and support M4M at the same time.

Saturday 4th May at 12.30: Todmorden **Folk Festival** will be hosting some pop up performances from our young musicians. Look out for us!

Sunday 12th May 7pm at the Fielden Centre, Todmorden. The chamber choir **Cantorelli** bringing their beautiful voices to Todmorden to raise money for us. They'll be performing madrigals, folksongs and motets from different countries and different centuries. Entry (and cake) by donation.

Thursday 20th June 7.30pm at Square Chapel Arts Centre, Halifax. '*Singing Outside the Box*'. Some of our young musicians will be playing in this celebration of music-making with Ravenscliffe School Staff Choir and The Orange Box Young People's Choir. Tickets are £6, available from the Square Chapel box office.