LIVE MUSIC NOW
SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Concerts, workshops and Musicians in Residence programmes for special schools and mainstream primary and secondary schools across the UK, delivered by trained young professional musicians.

Live Music Now has a long history of taking inspiring performances and workshops into special and mainstream schools across the UK, often providing children with their only opportunity to hear live music performed by professional musicians. Founded by Yehudi Menuhin and Ian Stoutzker in 1977, LMN supports musicians on the scheme through training and mentoring. Each year, LMN delivers around 2,500 music sessions in schools and units across the UK.
Concerts for special schools and mainstream schools

Bring the inspiration of a professional performance direct to your school, choosing from classical, folk, jazz, world music and rock & pop groups.

LMN concerts offer an inclusive, fun whole-school activity with plenty of opportunities for pupil participation. Our specially trained musicians enjoy introducing their instruments and helping pupils learn about the music being performed. For pupils with additional needs, the musicians move amongst the audience so everyone can experience the thrill of instruments being played at close hand.

Book an LMN concert to:
• inspire your pupils during an arts week
• provide a focus for an Arts Award project
• enhance your music curriculum

Concerts last up to one hour (or can be split into two shorter sessions).

Creative music projects

It’s well documented that taking part in regular group music-making contributes to young people’s personal, social, cognitive and educational development. During our Creative Music Projects, pupils work in small groups with LMN musicians over a 5-10 week period to create and perform their own music.

Plan an inclusive creative music project with our professional musicians to engage pupils in an accessible activity which:
• Builds confidence and self esteem
• Encourages communication & self expression
• Promotes engagement, focus and concentration
• Encourages teamwork and turn-taking
• Increases musical skills

“The experience is invaluable – it inspires and motivates pupils. It’s the only time they get to see live music by professionals.”

“I have never seen some of our PMLD pupils so engrossed in an activity before.”

“The concert provided a wonderful social and socialising opportunity for all our children with autism.”
Working with Music Education Hubs and Local Authority Music Services - SEND Provision

We work strategically with Music Education Hubs and Local Authority Music Services to improve music provision for pupils with additional support needs including:

- touring special schools in the region to deliver participatory concerts
- developing creative approaches to whole class instrumental sessions
- providing CPD for peripatetic staff working in SEN settings
- providing professional musicians to deliver high quality live music experiences in and out of school

We maximize the impact of our own project funding through collaboration with Hubs and other partners.

"Many of our pupils visibly increased in confidence through the residency."

Musicians-in-Residence Programmes – Special Schools

Adopt an LMN musician to work alongside your staff to deliver group and one-to-one music sessions on a weekly basis over a term or a full academic year, supporting pupils’ social and personal development. Build in a participatory concert, staff CPD session and the Sounds of Intent framework to widen the impact of the programme.

Our sessions provide:

- accessible group activities for pupils with a range of needs
- provide musical stimuli to elicit engagement from PMLD pupils
- encourage non-verbal pupils to express themselves
- support the musical development of pupils with complex needs

We provide training for our musicians to work in specialist autism schools, EBSD schools, general special schools, PRUs, hospital schools and units attached to mainstream schools.
What's the Cost?

- Concert by an LMN duo: from £220
- Half day workshop session: from £250
- A Musicians-in-Residence session: from £120

We work with schools to explore budgets. Some schools fund LMN activities through Pupil Premium, CPD budgets or as part of their School Development Plan. Sometimes we can subsidise the cost through charitable trust donations or partnerships with Music Education Hubs.

Our distinctive approach

LMN selects and invests in the best musicians in all genres of music as they’re emerging into the profession. There are around 350 musicians on the scheme at any one time. During their 4-6 years on the scheme, we enhance their skills, equipping them to deliver interactive performances, workshops and projects focused on the needs and enjoyment of pupils. Our musicians are based across the UK and able to travel to schools in most parts of the country.

Further Information

Live Music Now has seven branches across the UK. To discuss a programme tailored to the needs of your school, please email send@livemusicnow.org or telephone 020 7014 2829. Please contact us if you’d like a large print version of this leaflet. Am feswnt Gymraeg o’r daflen hon cysylltwch â wales@livemusicnow.org, 02920 554040.