



**Musical Futures....**  
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# About Us

Musical Futures is a not-for-profit organisation, which first began in the UK 15 years ago as a Paul Hamlyn Foundation Special Initiative. We are passionately dedicated to supporting teachers with teaching music in a way that helps them to engage and enthuse their students.

Our vision is for a future where everybody benefits from the value of music. We want music-making to be relevant and engaging, imaginative and authentic and to keep music alive in our schools in order to nurture the creative talent of tomorrow.

We offer training and consultancy predominantly in the UK and Europe and have links with institutions and schools in many other countries.

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## Who We Are

Classrooms are often the starting point for young peoples' musical journeys, especially those who aren't able to access this at home. In the UK, the music industry contributes £4.5bn annually to the economy. This means that it is vital that high quality music learning experiences are available to every child throughout their school career not only to support their cultural education but to ensure we don't risk preventing the growth of the next generation of musicians.

We believe that music learning is most effective when young people are making music - that they learn music best when they are fully immersed in creating and playing it and when their existing passion for music is reflected and built upon.

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Musical Futures is a tried-and-tested yet innovative approach to music learning, based on a pedagogy that is driven by the musical culture of the participants. It brings real-world music learning processes into schools and other formal settings, engaging and inspiring all and promoting inclusion and diversity and has been shown to improve attendance, engagement, motivation and attainment in the subject.

Musical Futures has developed into a national and international network of teachers and practitioners adapting the approaches in the UK and overseas.

In 2018, Musical Futures was selected as one of 100 innovative education projects across the world – by global education non-profit HundrED – due to its unique pioneering status and ability to create a scalable impact.



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Musical Futures supports schools and other music education organisations to transform their music teaching - whether in the UK or overseas!

We offer hands-on training, resources, consultancy and online networks enable teachers and anyone working with young people or adults, no matter what their existing level of musical experience, to deliver inclusive and inspirational music learning activities.

We share the learning systems, professional development, tools and support needed to embrace an ethos of innovative, inspirational and music learning in the classroom and in the community - making music more relevant, social and accessible to everyone.

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Our approach emphasises real-world learning, using methods that are employed by popular musicians and community practitioners outside of formal settings.

Musical Futures is about an approach to learning, rather than a specific musical style genre, meaning that it is sustainable and transferable to a range of learning contexts, both within the UK and overseas.



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# One or Two Days.....?



Musical Futures workshops are practical, hands on and designed for teachers to experience the approaches from the perspective of their learners.

## **About Musical Futures Workshops**

Both one or two day workshop options will be available to introduce delegates to Musical Futures approaches which are designed for ages 8 to 14, complete with accompanying resources to enable teachers to discover how to engage students in whole class music making.

### **Delegates at Musical Futures Workshops Receive:**

Everything required for classroom use straight away - including teacher notes and class support materials all ready - FREE

Expert guidance through a practical and enjoyable workshop(s)  
The chance to network with local teachers

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# Meet the Musical Futures Team



Our work at Musical Futures would not happen without the dedicated people behind it. Our core team is also supported by a network of **Champion Teachers** who help promote best practice within their institutions.

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