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May has come around quickly, and with it this latest partner bulletin. We hope you are all enjoying the gradual unlocking and, from 17th May, the chance to have physical contact with friends and loved ones we haven't hugged for over a year. Meanwhile, here at *MasT* we've been busy: we're launching our new website and just beginning a new project in the UK, with The Children's Trust School, and have recently caught up with a couple of partners in the Scottish Highlands. We're also recruiting for the Interactive Music-Making Course and have another CPD Event coming up - and there are some great funding opportunities below too.

As always, please [get in touch](#) if there is something particular you'd like help with or a musical story you'd like to share.

Read on to discover this month's Activity Focus, Recent News & Partner Opportunities

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We believe in the power of music to transform lives.

We have 25 years of experience embedding music in the care of vulnerable children & adults in the UK and worldwide.

ABOUT US



We're so pleased to finally be able to share our [new website](#) with you. It's been an intensive but very worthwhile project over the past five months. We hope you agree that this site feels like a better representation of your music work, and our vision to make music an integral part of care. We hope you enjoy exploring it!

See your **Projects** listed [here](#), and **Stories** [here](#)! Browse all of our [Resources](#), using the filter to apply your country, client group, and type of musical resource.



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We'd love to hear your feedback and ideas on this new site. It's still constantly adapting, so your feedback could help us make it more user-friendly or informative to new partners and supporters. Let us know your thoughts [here](#).



Recent News



Project announcement! This week we begin our second skill-sharing project of the year, in partnership with [The Children's Trust School, Tadworth](#), whose students have profound and multiple learning disabilities and complex health needs. Read more [here](#). Keep an eye out for a blog reflecting on the project in six week's time!



Highlands Partner Zoom: Last week Clare Reynolds held an online catch up with some of our partners in the Highlands, all of whom have worked with her during skill-sharing projects over the years and have continued using music within their care activities ever since. Read more about the event [here](#). Thank you also to Mandy for recommending [Luminate](#) (Dementia Inclusive Singing Network operating in Scotland but with some resources relevant across the UK) and Bev for reminding us of the brilliant [Music for Dementia](#) radio.



Partner Opportunities



Interactive Music-Making for the Under Fives Course - now open for applications 'IMM' is our unique structured training course for practitioners working with the early years, which this year was 'Highly Commended' in the Nursery World Awards for Inclusive Outcomes. It will run from September 2021 from South East London, and complete in May 2022. Learn more on our

dedicated [IMM website](#). We will also be running the [IMM Award Scheme](#), offered free needs-based places to a number of practitioners, along with a free set of instruments and up to £650 towards cover/travel. Apply by 1st Sept!

Online CPD Events for Early years partners [Sign up](#) to our **10th June online event** and join us to share successes, challenges and ideas for your interactive music-making practice. Whatever the current limitations, it's always a great chance to catch up with other practitioners and think about how to use music once you return to your setting after lockdown.



For partners working in Dementia Care: The Paul and Nick Harvey Fund is offering funding for people making music in all its forms accessible to people living with dementia. Open only to charities, we would be happy to partner with you to apply for the funding you need to develop your work with music (e.g. new or top-up training, regular support from a music therapist, a one-off visit from one of our team, or a totally new idea you have for music). Please [get in touch](#) to discuss your idea.



To any of our network currently working with children and/or young people under 25 in London, in challenging circumstances, we'd also like to draw your attention to a brilliant Sound Connections' funding opportunity. Innovate provides support and investment of up to £2,000 to explore new ideas and approaches to using music. It is particularly aimed at individuals and grassroots organisations with an annual turnover of less than £100k looking to launch or incubate a project idea and develop fundraising skills. Find out more, and how to apply, [here](#)

Enhance your Musical Instrument Collection by applying to our Musical Instrument Fund

Several of you told us that concerns about COVID cross-contamination meant it was difficult to pass and share instruments.



Would additional musical instruments improve your work? Or are there new instruments you would like to make available to the people you work with? Or has your collection suffered from regular use and is in need of revitalisation? *Apply here.*