



# music as therapy international

Welcome to our May Partner bulletin! We hope you are all well.

This month, we share a **song activity** to encourage participant interaction, the opportunity for a basic **music tech workshop**, plus details of how to sign up to our **2022-23 Interactive Music-Making** course.

Keep reading for all this, and more!

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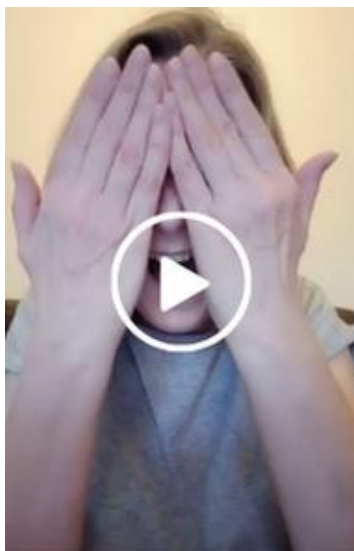
## Hello from Elsa, UK Programme Assistant!

A few months into her new role at *Music as Therapy*, Elsa has enjoyed getting to know many of you, our UK partners, and supporting your continued music-making. If you are in need of any motivational support or extra resources, from new activities to musical instruments, please do [get in touch!](#)



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## Activity Pick: Jungle Song



We loved Pamela's brilliant Jungle Song for the way she uses her lyrics to encourage session participants to play one instrument in different ways, and the creative way she invites participants to interrupt their music-making. Instead of inviting them to stop doing something, she invites them to actively do something: 'Hide!', using both their hands. Pamela's activity was inspired by the young children she works with, but could be adapted to suit a wide range of client groups. Thank you to Pamela for sharing her idea.

Do you have an idea you can share? Can you send a video of you or your session participants to inspire others?

## Recent News

**IMM Presentation Day** We recently caught up with our Interactive Music-Making students for their Presentation

Day; the final part of their programme. Our 7 students shared their practical learning and experiences and showcased the brilliant work they have been doing with the children in their Early Years settings. Read more [here](#), and scroll down for details of how to apply for our 2022-23 course!

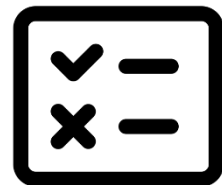


**Supporting our partners at Caol School** It was great to reconnect with our Partners using music in a mainstream primary school in Caol, last week. Thank you for welcoming back music therapist Clare Reynolds and being willing to show her how your music sessions have been going. Inevitably there have been challenges and our Partners were keen to think these through with Clare and plan for her to visit them again next month. You can read about their original training last year [here](#).



If you'd like support with your music sessions or getting music back up and running where you work, [let us know](#) and we can work together to arrange what you need.

**UK Care Consultation** After the successful pilot of our music and dementia training tool 'Music Helps' in India, we are continuing to explore its relevance for use here in the UK. Find out more [here](#), and if you are a care practitioner working in a UK dementia setting, we would love to hear your views on music training via our [5 minute survey](#). Thank you!



**'Power of Music' Report** [Music for Dementia](#) and [UK Music](#) recently launched their [Power of Music](#) report, calling on the UK Government to work with healthcare, music, and third sectors to invest and capitalise on the many positive changes music can bring: "***We want music to be seen as a necessity and an essential part of our public health strategy, not a luxury for a few. We want to use music to help build communities, giving people greater access to musical opportunities.***" Read the full report [here](#).





**We are now on Instagram!** Our social media ranks have expanded and you can now find us on Instagram [@musicasterapy](https://www.instagram.com/musicasterapy). Please follow us if you can, and remember you can still find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) too!

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## Partner Opportunities



**Interactive Music-Making for the Under Fives Course - applications now open!** 'IMM' is our unique structured training course for early years practitioners, which last year was 'Highly Commended' in the Nursery World Awards for Inclusive Outcomes. Teaching runs from Sept to Dec 2022 in South East London, and the course completes in May 2023. Learn more on our [IMM website](#). Free needs-based places are available to a number of practitioners via our [IMM Award Scheme](#), along with a free set of instruments and up to £650 towards cover/travel. **Apply by 1st Sept!**



### **Intro to Music Tech' Workshop**

Interested to explore how to use basic Music Technology in your music sessions? For the opportunity to join an online workshop led by one of our music therapists, and tailored to what you would like to know, please [click here](#) and tell us if there is anything you would especially like to learn about.