



MANCHESTER MUSIC FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

12/06/2024 - 31/03/2025

Registered Charity Number: 1208644



"Empowering Greater Manchester's young musicians through collaboration, creativity, and opportunity."

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ABOUT MANCHESTER MUSIC FOUNDATION

Manchester Music Foundation (MMF) is a registered charity dedicated to empowering young people across Greater Manchester through music. The charity provides access to high-quality music education, creative opportunities, and performance experiences for children and young adults, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

A banner for the 'TO PLAY' event. The background is dark purple with faint, stylized outlines of musical instruments like a guitar, keyboard, and drums. The text is white and yellow. At the top, 'TO PLAY' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below it, '9-12 OCTOBER '25' is written in white. In the center, 'Free taster music lessons!' is written in yellow. Below that, 'Take part in the UK's biggest FREE music making initiative with a FREE 30 minute taster session.' is written in white. At the bottom, 'Tameside Music Service (Birch Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 5AU)' and 'Saturday 11th October' are written in white.

TO PLAY
9-12 OCTOBER '25

Free taster music lessons!

Take part in the UK's biggest FREE music making initiative with a FREE 30 minute taster session.

Tameside Music Service (Birch Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 5AU)
Saturday 11th October



300+

Young People Engaged



10+

Partner Schools



5

Boroughs Reached



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Core Programmes

OUR BELIEF

MMF believes that music has the power to unite communities, build confidence, and inspire positive change. Through partnerships with schools, local authorities, and cultural organisations, MMF ensures that every young person has the opportunity to experience the joy of making music.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Manchester Music Foundation (MMF) exists to support young people across Greater Manchester through music, education, and creative opportunity. Its charitable objects are drawn from its Constitution and include advancing education, supporting young people facing disadvantage, and promoting the musical heritage of Manchester.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year. All activities undertaken by MMF directly contribute to advancing education and promoting community cohesion through music.

GRANT-MAKING POLICY

MMF supports organisations and individuals through structured grant-making and bursaries, as outlined in its policy. Grants are awarded to organisations whose work aligns with MMF's strategic aims. Bursaries support young people facing financial and social barriers.

OUR YEAR IN MUSIC



STOP! ANTI-HATE WEEK PROJECT

In partnership with Greater Manchester's "No Place for Hate" campaign, MMF delivered a week-long creative project encouraging young people to use music as a tool for unity and inclusion. Participants composed original songs and performed them at community events celebrating diversity and respect.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Over 300 young people engaged in anti-hate workshops
- Collaborative performances across Manchester schools
- Integration of the Too Great For Hate (TGFH) message through music and art

"Music gives us a voice to stand together against hate."



MUSIC FOR ALL

This initiative provided free taster sessions and instrument loans to children who otherwise would not have access to music education. Over 300 young people participated across five boroughs, discovering new talents and building confidence through creative expression.

IMPACT:

300+

Young people engaged

10+

Partner schools

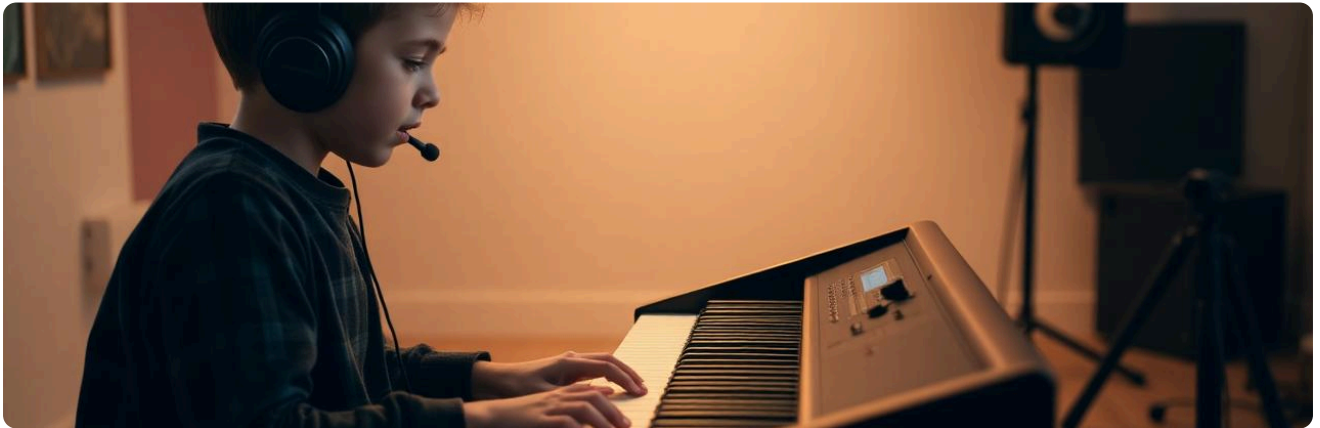
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Boroughs reached

MUSIC FOR LIFE (NEET TRAILBLAZER)

A targeted program supporting young people not in education, employment, or training (NEET). Participants developed transferable skills through songwriting, production, and live performance, helping them re-engage with education and employment pathways.

Secured £17,550 in restricted funding from Tameside MBC to support music education initiatives, equipment purchases, and partnership activities with local schools and community groups.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity remains financially stable and continues to develop its reserves strategy. MMF's principal sources of income include grants, donations, and commissioned activity.

INCOME SOURCES

- Grant funding
- Charitable donations
- Commissioned activity
- Fundraising events

FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Developing reserves strategy
- Diversified funding base
- Sustainable programme delivery
- Strong financial governance



NEW MILESTONE: WEBSITE LAUNCH

We were delighted to launch our new website, marking an important step in our digital development and outreach capabilities.

Visit us at

[MANCHESTERMUSICFOUNDATION.ORG](https://manchestermusicfoundation.org)

Our new website provides comprehensive information about our programmes, news and updates, and ways to get involved. It serves as a platform for sharing stories of impact and connecting with our community of supporters.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the period 12 June 2024 – 31 March 2025

This financial period reflects a period of steady income growth and targeted expenditure to support the Foundation's charitable objectives, including the Too Great For Hate (TGFH) and Music for Life projects.

INCOME BREAKDOWN

Source	Description	Amount	Fund Type
TAMESIDE MBC	GM TGFH funding	£500	Restricted
Cash & Cheque Deposits	TMS bucket donations	£676	Unrestricted
Donation from Mr & Mrs H	Unrestricted donation	£500	Unrestricted
TAMESIDE MBC	Music for Life funding	£17,550	Restricted
Total Income		£19,226	

The majority of income this year was derived from local authority grants and community donations, with restricted funds supporting specific music outreach projects.

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Description	Category	Amount
Bank charges (Jun–Aug)	Bank charges	£16.66
Tameside Metropolitan	Operational expenditure	£800
Zurich Insurance	Public liability insurance	£56
Currys Business Bury	Capital asset purchase (equipment)	£3,495.96
Tameside Sports Trust	Operational expenditure	£208
Total Expenditure		£4,575.62

NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (SURPLUS)

£14,800.38

FINANCIAL POSITION

Category	Amount
Opening funds	£0
Net movement in funds	£14,800.38
Closing funds (carried forward)	£14,800.38

The Foundation remains in a strong financial position, with sufficient unrestricted reserves to support ongoing operations and project development in 2026–27.

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, MMF aims to build on this year's successes with ambitious new goals:



EXPAND MUSIC FOR ALL

Reach 50 more young people through our accessible music education programme.



NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Develop new partnerships with local schools and cultural venues across Greater Manchester.



DIGITAL RESEARCH HUB

Launch a digital research hub offering insightful resources, music education news, and career advice.



ANTI-HATE INITIATIVES

Continue supporting anti-hate and inclusion initiatives through creative collaboration.



PARTICIPANT STORIES

Include feedback, quotes, and video testimonials from participants to showcase impact.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

LEGAL STRUCTURE

MMF is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its Constitution. This structure provides the benefits of incorporation while maintaining the accountability expected of a charity.

GOVERNANCE AND SAFEGUARDING

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who bring expertise in education, music, and community development. Trustees meet quarterly to oversee strategy, compliance, and financial management. MMF maintains robust safeguarding policies to protect all participants. All staff and volunteers undergo enhanced DBS checks and regular training.

GOVERNANCE AND TRUSTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jonathan Parkes	Chair
Holly McBride	Trustee
Elizabeth Barras	Trustee

CHARITY DETAILS

Charity Number:	1208644
Structure:	CIO
Registered Address:	23 Whitfield Cross, Glossop, SK13 8NW

DECLARATION

The trustees confirm that this report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for charities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jonathan Parkes
Chair of Trustees

Thank you to everyone who supported our mission to make music accessible for all.

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