

Youth Music Initiative in 2021/22



Projects targeted and reached participants across key priority groups, reaching those from areas of high social and economic deprivation.



Projects offered opportunities to those residing both in Scotland's urban and rural areas.



YMI provides opportunities for participants to progress from early music education to training and careers, by supporting 'a pathway of projects.'

Set up by the Scottish Government in 2003 to 'put music at the heart of young people's lives and learning.'

Funded with around £9m by the Scottish Government, reaching hundreds of thousands of young people every year.

Seeks not only to provide music education, but for this to impact other areas of children's and young people's wider development.

Includes a commitment to reach children who would not normally have a chance to participate in music making activities.

Works towards three key aims: Creating Access for All; Enabling children and young people to achieve their potential in/ through music making; and Supporting the development of the youth music sector for the benefit of children and young people via training and CPD.

Activity is delivered via four strands: Formula Fund, Access to Music Making, Strengthening Youth Music and the CPD and Training.



YMI contributes to participants' mental health and wellbeing by supporting projects that are 'informal', flexible, engaging, group-based, participant-led; include singing and performing; and are often longer-term.



YMI supports relationships and networks across a wide range of partners within local communities and further afield: some projects have become long-standing local community resources.



YMI supports relationships between informal music tuition and formal education settings, spreading insight into new approaches to music tuition.

10,214

beneficiaries reached via Strengthening Youth Music projects

362,483

children and young people reached via Formula Fund and Access to Music Making projects

5,631

people benefitted from training and CPD linked to YMI activity

44

training grants through the CPD and Training

1,182

education posts

114

trainees

200

volunteers

'Not just a music programme, but a youth programme, which supports children and young people in a range of different ways through the ongoing delivery of engaging, joyful, accessible, impactful and reliably present music experiences.'