

YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE



Children in P5 are participating in YMI funded music making

The **Youth Music Initiative (YMI) Formula Fund** aims to create access to high quality music making opportunities for young people, offer young people the chance to achieve their potential in or through music making and support the development of the youth music sector for the benefit of young people.

Not only does learning an instrument benefit literacy, numeracy, listening and team working skills, but it can enhance confidence, self-esteem, critical thinking and one's ability to express themselves.

This year marks the **20th anniversary** of the Youth Music Initiative - we are excited to be celebrating the significant reach and impact of the programme.

In 2003, the Scottish Government's **Youth Music Initiative (YMI)** was launched to put music at the heart of young people's lives and learning. Funding is awarded to local authorities to ensure **every school pupil in Scotland is offered a year of free music tuition in primary school**. In addition to providing an equal and inclusive opportunity, the YMI offers primary children the chance to benefit from the widely recognised benefits music tuition has across the curriculum.

Moray's Council's YMI programme is managed by the **Music Instruction & Performance team**, part of the Sport & Culture Service, and provides **weekly ukulele or recorder lessons for children in Primary 5**, as well as **guitar lessons for young people in S3-6 attending Elgin High School or the SEBN service**.

- Lessons are delivered by **professional and experienced instructors**, take place on a **weekly basis, during school time** and include the use of classroom percussion, singing and learning to read music.
- Young musicians will have access to **additional learning resources** via Microsoft Teams (through Glow);
- There may be the opportunities for young musicians to take part in **extra-curricular groups and/or performances** at school, ASG or regional level throughout the year;
- Young musicians may wish to take on the role of **YMI Young Ambassador** whereby keeping a diary of their learning, progress and feedback will help shape our end of year evaluation.

Follow the Music Instruction & Performance team on Facebook (**@MorayMusicCentre**) for regular updates and media.

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