



## Thank You Day & Queen's Jubilee

**Together with Music** are creating intergenerational events across the country in celebration of this year's **Thank You Day** and the **Queen's Jubilee**, taking place on **Sunday 5th June**. This is an opportunity for people to connect, come together and celebrate community through music.

### Together with Music in partnership with Bridgewater Hall

Partnering with Bridgewater Hall, Together with Music will be delivering a pilot event at The Yard MCR to celebrate Thank You Day & the Queens Jubilee. The aims of the event will be to:

**Showcase** the partnerships and the place intergenerational music has in how we rebuild post pandemic.

**Build** a local intergenerational network engaging with care homes, schools, youth groups, grassroot organisations and volunteers.

**Launch** a longer-term plan, embedding the TwM hubs within these venues and wider communities.

### What will the event look like?

**Sunday 5th June 1pm - 5pm**

Aiming to encourage people across sectors and generations to come together in celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Each activity will be an hour long repeating throughout the day, allowing attendees the freedom to experience many aspects of the day.

Performances from musicians in the entrance hall, live streamed nationwide.

Songwriting workshops inspiring creative connections.

Music Therapy training, building bridges across the local community.

Podcast & tips by ex BBC Manchester presenter Alan Sykes

Food & refreshments available

As we now move out of Covid, it is vital that we take steps to rebuild in a different way, a more inclusive and creative way. We want to provide opportunities for people to come together, build connections and access music to support isolation and loneliness, mental health and support in building stronger, more cohesive communities.

## What's Next?

We want to launch a regular 'hub' session that takes place at The Yard MCR throughout the year. We would work closely with the venue and education team working with volunteers to offer training and support in developing practises, reach out to local social prescribing, referral pathways, social care and health.

### What is the TwM Hub?

The hub will offer a regular opportunity for connection and access to music provision across communities. We will engage with those living in care homes, those accessing domiciliary care, community members, volunteers, and young people, working closely with local social prescribers and other community networks. The aim is to create an inviting and safe space, encouraging the sharing of cultural heritage, the promoting of intergenerational relationships and informal music making within our daily lives. The hub will offer a range of creative activities to inspire musical expression, connection, exploration, and community.

### Why is it important?

Covid has highlighted the importance of social connection but has also shone a light on the barriers and limitations for people in accessing and maintaining strong connections and feeling part of the wider community. We need to reframe these challenges, focusing on building a citizen-centred approach placing service users at the centre of their care and community. We believe that Together with Music Community Hubs will act as a vehicle back into community relations, embedding the arts and creativity into care pathways and offering guided and bespoke support between school, hospital, care home and community.

## Hub means central, at the core of something.

### We aim for the hubs to:

- Encourage independence
- Develop communication, confidence, and self-awareness
- Promote intergenerational connections
- Sustain socialisation and tackle loneliness and isolation
- Provide a toolbox and guidance on using music for wellbeing
- Create Space for interaction between people of all ages and backgrounds
- Promoting an increased sense of compassion and empathy
- Offer opportunities for young people and volunteers to develop skills and practice
- Encourage and facilitate partnership working across sectors

### How will it run?

We propose to seek funding to deliver a regular (quarterly) musical networking workshop at The Yard with an annual event at Bridgewater Hall, encouraging groups across Manchester to reconnect through music and establishing The Yard & Bridgewater Hall as a central part of the community.

We will work closely with your team to identify gaps in your outreach, engaging with groups across sectors and establishing strong partnership to support in how we rebuild and rehabilitate post pandemic.

