

Providing socially inclusive music activities for children and young people that help them to learn new skills, enjoy new experiences and make new friends.

If you would like to find out how you can help us to make a difference, please download our volunteer registration form from our website www.m4u.org.uk

or telephone 01224 467404 for further information.

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Our Mission ...

To promote equal opportunities and social inclusion and to encourage – through music – the enhancement of children and young people, without prejudice.

Being a Volunteer

Volunteers can make a huge difference to a small organisation like Music 4U, but have you ever wondered what volunteering can do for YOU? Volunteering is:

- Great for your CV. Statistics reveal that demonstrating initiative by dedicating some of your spare time to volunteering can have a serious impact on your employment opportunities.
- A good confidence boost, as you witness the difference you are helping to make to the lives of other people.
- An excellent opportunity to meet new people who share your interests and are aiming for a common goal.
- A chance to learn new skills or develop existing skills.
- A way to get yourself the feel good factor!

Skills

Music 4 U values its volunteers, both young and old, and the useful skills they provide to our organisation. Whether you are helping backstage at a theatre production, making props and costumes, getting involved in music activities, or offering administration or bookkeeping assistance to our team, you are an important part of the Music 4 U machine, enabling us to continue to deliver socially inclusive music activities to children and young people.

If you have a special skill that you would like to offer to our organisation, or if you would like to find out more about Music 4 U's general volunteering opportunities, please download our volunteer registration form from our website page www.m4u.org.uk/make_a_difference.php or telephone 01224 467404 for further information.

About Music 4 U

Music 4 U is a non-profit making organisation offering socially inclusive musical opportunities to children and young people from a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities, including those from areas of financial deprivation, with special needs or who are socially challenged, who may otherwise miss out on the chance to get involved in music.

Since the charity began in 2005, our aim has been to encourage children and young people who enjoy singing to participate in a variety of exciting musical experiences, including two major productions, singing groups, dance workshops, percussion sessions, recording projects and much more.

Apart from an opportunity to practice social skills and feel part of a team, having fun with music and performing raises confidence and self esteem, giving youngsters a sense of purpose that leaves them feeling good about themselves.

Children helping Children

We introduce our members to volunteering from a young age, encouraging them to use their talents to help other children and young people through a wide range of events, including

- raising funds to provide musical opportunities for those who are experiencing financial hardship
- providing entertainment at events organised by other charities
- performing for audiences who are unable to enjoy live entertainment due to illness, age or disability.

Opportunities for Young Volunteers

Young people can get involved and use their talents or hobbies to make a real difference. Lee Marshall put his computer skills to good use by designing our website, which has enabled us to provide information to the public while saving on administration and postage costs.



Rebecca Kirkness has been developing her filming skills behind the camera for a number of Music 4 U productions.

Becoming a Music 4 U Volunteer

When recruiting both paid and volunteer workers to "child care" positions, Music 4 U asks all applicants to:

- Complete an application form
- Complete a self-declaration form
- Provide the names of two suitable referees
- Agree to Music 4 U requesting an Enhanced level Disclosure check.

Disclosure checks give details of all convictions on record relating to an individual, whether spent or unspent. Music 4 U offers potential volunteers an opportunity to provide details of any criminal record via a self-declaration form, before Disclosure checks are requested, which can lead the way to an open discussion with the applicant prior to moving forward with the application.

Music 4 U follows an equal opportunities policy and is committed to the fair treatment of paid workers and volunteers.

Meet our Volunteers!

Jackie Coroon, our Treasurer, has been making good use of her dressmaking skills, providing assistance in making costumes for a number of Music 4 U's productions.



Greg Coroon has used his carpentry skills to make props, as well as driving a mini-bus that enabled a group of young people to perform to residents at a children's hospice.

Tom Edie began helping us in 2006, providing his percussion expertise for our Dyce singers in his spare time. Despite moving to Stirling in 2009, he still supports us and is now a full time primary teacher. He is an example of how voluntary work can help you choose your future career path.



Mike Harding, accountant

Having read an online advert about our need for someone with good I.T. skills, Hilary Milne offered her design expertise for the website, Music4U graphics, database and electronic presentations.



Music 4 U was delighted to provide parent helper Laura Morrice with an opportunity to develop her new stage management skills by funding her attendance at a course run by Aberdeen Arts Centre.