

Newham's Music Promise

Music Promise is Newham's landmark music and social inclusion initiative - a commitment to *collective action* between the music, culture, education, community sectors and Newham Council.

At the heart of Music Promise is a dynamic mix of championing a belief in 'total generational reach' for every child alongside an approach to create new and innovative pathways into and through music for all young people, at the [start of their musical journey](#), disadvantaged through their [learning difficulties and disability](#) and for those [disengaged from learning](#).

Music Promise is brought together, guided and overseen by Newham Music. Never has such a combination of provision been delivered or so compelling for Newham, led by a multi-talented team of educators, facilitators and leaders who think and plan about what they will do, together.

While each element of Newham's Music Promise delivers, its educational distinctiveness is that it seeks to join up music education and music making opportunities for the borough. It is, to quote a phrase, greater than the sum of its parts.

Music Promise aims to 'inspire' through performance opportunities and to deliver 'sessions and lessons' in schools, in events, and in all neighbourhoods across Newham in four key areas:

Music Unlocked

A comprehensive programme for children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) focused on:

- our disabled-led inclusive Music Unlocked Orchestra
- workforce leadership development for musicians with disabilities
- specialised programmes including for pupils who are D/deaf and in Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) units
- Music technology/Studio Sessions integration including innovative Soundbeam assistive technology

Street-Studio-Success

An innovative fully mobile digital music project focused on early intervention, engaging young people between 12 and 16, whose behaviour is causing serious cause for concern and putting them at high risk of involvement of further involvement in gang activity, weapon carrying, criminality and ASB, compounded by education and social exclusion.

Music Connected

Bringing together the vibrant and diverse communities of Newham promoting their cultural traditions, showcasing their music in schools and community centres. Central to the programme is the recruitment and development of a music educator team from wider musical genres and underrepresented communities, with authenticity in music at the core. The Music Connected strand also includes seed funding for music initiatives led by local community musicians.

Music Enrichment for Schools

Funded by Newham Council, Music Enrichment for Schools is designed to enable Newham's young people to experience and take full advantage of the richness of Newham's already vibrant and diverse creative and cultural enrichment opportunities. 90 Newham schools have been awarded music grants totaling £625,000 to deliver innovative music enrichment in schools, supporting pupils' wellbeing including a focus on recovery and bringing school communities back together during the Covid lockdown.

The investment across the school sector has made a real difference including: a measurable impact on a large number of children learning new skills and building new competencies, investment in key equipment previously unaffordable and increased awareness by school leaders to the importance of music and its effects across the curriculum.