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Further information on recipients of the first round of the Atsain Fund

Art & Soul Tribe

Art And Soul Tribe is committed to providing a platform and a voice for marginalised, excluded, and exploited groups, and individuals who have faced inequality and discrimination. The Bridging the Gap project will allow local Young People in North East Wales aged 13-18 who may not normally have access to music tuition the chance to explore, learn and story-tell through the medium of music and sound. With particular focus on neurodiversity, depression & anxiety, economic deprivation and asylum seekers it will work with a cohort of young people to create and develop safe spaces and sessions to learn new skills, engage with and learn from professional musicians, and collaborate to co-produce a final performance event at a local music venue.

Beacons

Beacons is a pan-Wales organisation aiming to empower the next generation of young people aspiring to work in the music industry. This project will aim to break down the barriers for young people identifying as marginalised genders, - women, non-binary, and trans men - seeking to pursue a career in the music industry. It will upskill a new workforce and help to tackle gender imbalance within the live music sector in Wales.

Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias

Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias provides music training and performance experiences of the highest quality in North Wales fostering both the enjoyment of and participation in music-making. This year-long project will develop and expand musical provision for disabled children and young people in Gwynedd and Denbighshire by running after-school music clubs and showcases in partnership with families and agencies, and music sessions in a new pre-school for disabled children.

Deaf Hub Wales

Deaf Hub (Wales) provides support and activities that enrich D/deaf people's lives & overall wellbeing. The project will offer music sessions exploring activities, deaf arts, equipment and genres to D/deaf children and young people, culminating in a showcase at the Deaf Arts Festival planned for 2023.

Disability Arts Cymru

Disability Arts Cymru is the lead organisation For Disability Arts In Wales. The Pathways to Music project will bring together young disabled and Deaf people across Wales to guide and develop six workshops for young people aged 16-30, giving them bespoke and accessible tools to start writing, playing and performing music. It will be the first disabled-led Wales-wide music scheme for young people wanting to make contemporary music.

Gwallgofiaid

Gwallgofiaid provides workshops and opportunities in the arts for the young people of Bro Ffestiniog and Gwynedd. The project will engage professional musicians and producers to run music and recording sessions for young people in a new studio in Bro Ffestiniog.

Media Academy Cymru

Media Academy Cymru is at the forefront in Wales of supporting children and young people when they have needed support or somewhere safe to turn. This project will run monthly music masterclasses across less well-off communities in South Wales. Working with two industry practitioners and a network of partners the project will engage those with significant barriers into music including young people in the criminal justice system, diverse ethnic communities, neuro-diverse and those young people who currently are Not Engaged in Education and Employment. The masterclasses will help young people develop their skills and their brands, and offer support into music programmes in wider education or employment.

National Youth Arts Wales

National Youth Arts Wales works to develop Wales' most talented young performers and those with potential through exceptional training and performance opportunities. Music Futures is a contemporary music project that identifies and nurtures promising young Welsh music makers of the future. It focuses on a wide range of contemporary genres, from Grime to Indie, and Electronica to RnB. Creating access for young people from under-represented backgrounds in Wales, it offers an intensive experience of skill development to equip them for a viable career in the music industry. Atsain funding will support a Music Futures Gig tour to some of Wales' top arts venues in August 2022.

Operasonic

Operasonic makes opportunities for people to use their creative power to tell stories, celebrate their communities and open up music for self-expression. This project, part of our Carnegie Lullaby partnership, will use lullabies to explore how music can be made accessible and enticing for very young Deaf children. It will bring together a Deaf creative team alongside families to develop new practice.

Sound Progression

Next Level is designed to elevate young Urban music talents and facilitate their transition into the music industry. Through a series of workshops developing skills, knowledge and collaborative practice, and bespoke participant-led projects building portfolios, profiles and

partnerships, it aims to cultivate relationships, platforming opportunities and establish new progression routes.

South Riverside Community Development Centre

Atsain funding will support and develop The River Music Project - a multi-cultural, multi-generational project involving drumming, singing and instrumental workshops. The project seeks to represent and be representative of all the communities in the Riverside area of Cardiff, and create a sense of entitlement to opportunities within Arts and Culture where until now, they haven't been offered.

Theatr Brycheiniog

Theatr Brycheiniog provides a varied programme of theatre, dance, music and entertainment in the heart of Brecon, serving the town and surrounding areas of

Powys, Monmouthshire and beyond. This project will set up a young peoples producing group, to create a musical programme for the Theatr, developing a series of events and activities designed, curated and led by young people for young people.

Trac Cymru

Trac Cymru is the national development organisation for traditional music, supporting communities to engage with vibrant Welsh cultural heritage across generations.

The project will supporting marginalised young people to articulate their own personal experiences using the folk traditions of expressive storytelling and collective knowledge.

View Glynneath

View Glynneath is one of twelve Community Anchor Organisations delivering community services across Neath Port Talbot. This project will take music to marginalised young people in person, in local youth clubs, school, park or local street corners, and digitally.

Wilderness Trust

Based in two eco-hub converted chapels in Llanidloes, the Wilderness Trust uses environment, art, social inclusion, and education to help communities to learn, experiment, connect, enjoy nature and grow. This project will provide music workshops and concerts for babies, toddlers, and children with learning disabilities.