



PRESS RELEASE - NOVEMBER 2021

Music for Youth to receive £90,000 from third round of the Government's Culture Recovery Fund

- **Music for Youth among 925 recipients to benefit from the latest round of awards from the Culture Recovery Fund**
- **This award supports Music for Youth's national programme, including youth engagement and mentoring sessions, large-scale national and digital events, including the recent 2021 Remix Prom at the Royal Albert Hall and further grassroots, regional performance opportunities and digital projects.**

More than £100 million has been awarded to hundreds of cultural organisations across the country including **Music for Youth** in the latest round of support from the Culture Recovery Fund, the Culture Secretary announced today.

Music for Youth is a national youth music charity working with 40,000 young people each year. Their vision is for every young person in the UK to have the opportunity to achieve their full potential through performing the music they love, no matter what. Music for Youth transforms young lives through providing inspirational performance opportunities at a national level, adding value to regional music provision, and bringing together young people with a shared passion for music from across the UK. Their spectacular professionally produced events in world class venues, free of charge to young people, transform their performance into a life changing experience.

The third round of funding will support organisations from all corners of the sector as they deal with ongoing reopening challenges, ensuring they can thrive in better times ahead.

Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries said:

"Culture is for everyone and should therefore be accessible to everyone, no matter who they are and where they're from.

Through unprecedented government financial support, the Culture Recovery Fund is supporting arts and cultural organisations so they can continue to bring culture to communities the length and breadth of the country, supporting jobs, boosting local economies and inspiring people."

Over £1.2 billion has already been awarded from the unprecedented Culture Recovery Fund, supporting around 5000 individual organisations and sites across the country ranging from local museums to West End theatres, grassroots music venues to festivals, and organisations in the cultural and heritage supply-chains.

Music for Youth, said:

“We are delighted to have been awarded this grant which will support Music for Youth as we rebuild our programme and transition to a new delivery model, and as we invest in new digital platforms, enabling wider accessibility and inclusivity.

The coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating effect on young people and live music making and our award from the Culture Recovery Fund enables Music for Youth to provide motivational live and online events which bring young people, music teachers and leaders together across the country. Informal music making has been a life line for many during the pandemic and we now look forward to creating new opportunities to share our music making once again. Our re-imagined 2021 Remix Prom at the Royal Albert Hall (our first live event in two years) was a fantastic first step with nearly 2,000 young people performing together and sharing their experiences of lockdown.”

Darren Henley, Chief Executive, Arts Council England, said:

“This continued investment from the Government on an unprecedented scale means our theatres, galleries, music venues, museums and arts centres can carry on playing their part in bringing visitors back to our high streets, helping to drive economic growth, boosting community pride and promoting good health. It’s a massive vote of confidence in the role our cultural organisations play in helping us all to lead happier lives”.

Notes to Editors

Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in [Let’s Create](#) that by 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high quality cultural experiences. We invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. www.artscouncil.org.uk.

Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council developed a £160 million Emergency Response Package, with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. We are also one of the bodies administering the Government’s unprecedented Culture Recovery Funds. Find out more at www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19.

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