

News Release

soundLINCS Continues Hitting all the Right Notes with Funding Success

Lincoln based East Midlands music development organisation soundLINCS is celebrating this week after the announcement that they have succeeded in becoming 1 of just 13 organisations nationwide to receive a substantial National Foundation for Youth Music Grant of almost half a million pounds for 2015-18.

soundLINCS is now a Youth Music strategic partner and the funding will allow them to focus on a three year programme of work with children in challenging circumstances in five distinct sectors - looked after children, youth justice services, paediatric services, young parents with children, children with special education needs and those who are hearing impaired.

A variety of residencies and projects will take place across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. These will embrace a wide range of work including developmental music making projects, strategic support for structural change within music education, workforce development and research partnerships.

soundLINCS' CEO Nikki-Kate Heyes MBE, said: "We're delighted that Youth Music have given us this fantastic opportunity and that they continue to recognise the work we do offering quality and innovative music-making opportunities and training for all ages and communities.



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With match funding, this will be a three quarters of a million pound project that will follow our new *Inquiring Minds Process*, working with new partners including an array of academic establishments, non-music sector organisations and Music Education Hubs to effect real change. We hope to answer the burning questions in the arts through discussion, research, feedback and practical delivery. It's a really exciting time for soundLINCS and a brilliant opportunity for the East Midlands."

Youth Music provides more than 90,000 young people every year with the opportunity to make music, helping them to overcome the challenges they face in their lives. Their grants support young people to develop their creative and social skills, make positive contributions to their community and improve their wellbeing.

Matt Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer at Youth Music said: "The grant awards announced today will provide thousands of opportunities to support young people's life-long engagement with music. Our focus on the development of personal and social skills, as well as musicality, will ensure that many of the participants attending Youth Music projects will have a life-changing experience."

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Supplementary Notes

- Additional photos with media releases are available
- Nikki-Kate Heyes MBE is available for interview

About soundLINCS

soundLINCS is a not-for-profit community music organisation operating across the East Midlands. Working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, soundLINCS provides and develops high quality and innovative music-making opportunities and training for all ages and communities. Home of soundEMission the e-information service for people involved in music development and education within the East Midlands. For more information, visit www.soundlincs.org

About Youth Music

Youth Music works with some of the UK's most disadvantaged young people, providing free access to high quality music making. Youth Music is an independent national children's charity and since 1999, have reached over 2 million children and young people, helping to transform their lives through the power of music. More information is available at www.youthmusic.org.uk

Partners & their roles

East Midlands Music Education Hubs (MEH) - Strategic Partners - Advice/information on people, organisations, participants, locations, cold spots.
Lincolnshire; Nottinghamshire; Leicester/shire

East Mids Bridge Organisation - Similar role as MEH plus linkage with current cultural education delivery and research. Collaborating to ensure a sustainability solution and cultural participant profiling
The Mighty Creatives,

Academic establishments - Bringing credibility, guidance, ethical element and refinement of questioning to all research, edit and publish research papers.
Nottingham Trent University
Nottingham University
Bishop Grosseteste University
University of Lincoln
University of Leicester

Local Authorities - Similar role as MEH
Lincolnshire County Council:-
Children's Services Participation Team/Voices for Choices/Children in Care
Council Looked After Children Education Service
Fostering Team
Nottinghamshire County Council Arts Team

Non-Music sector organisations - partners on all levels, delivery, strategic, question solving
Barnardos
CfBT Joint Universities Mentoring Programme
Lincolnshire Secure Unit
Targeted Support and Youth Justice Service Nottinghamshire County Council

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust

Founder of H.O.P.E. (Hearts of Positive Energy); Director-Health Watch England, Non-Exec Director-Lincolnshire Carers and Young Carers partnership; Carer Governor LPFT Mental Health Trust; Patient and Carer Experience Committee Member