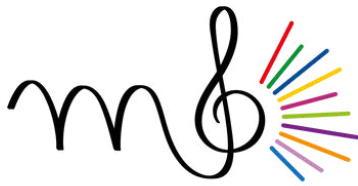


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Musical
Beacons

Waltham Forest
London
September 2021-July 2022

Impact Report



Creative Families Connecting Across the Borough

In Partnership With:



Lloyd Park
Children's Charity



Back in the Room!

18 months after taking all activity online, the Soundcastle team were delighted to once again be working face-to-face with families in Waltham Forest. Throughout the year we worked closely with partners and families to ensure Covid safe spaces and build trust with our communities. Now, in summer 2022, we can surely say that Musical Beacons is an embedded part of the creative and social landscape of the borough.

Making More Music with More People

This year we responded to the challenges of the pandemic by seeking families in accessible local spaces where they felt comfortable. Musical Beacons has taken place in community centres, parks, toy libraries and civic spaces. We have reached over 300 people, delivering 64 regular open community sessions and 4 public events. We paired the open sessions with 27 targeted sessions for families with disabled children, ensuring equitable access to music for all.

Impact Snapshot

180

Families have accessed our sessions

11

The number of different venues we have worked in across the borough

58

Disabled children have accessed music sessions

4

Waltham Forest Partners and Community members have joined the Soundcastle Advisory Panel



Outcomes

90% of our families said their confidence increased .

95% of the families and young people felt more connected to others.

100% of our families said the music sessions enhanced their well-being.

Parents and Carers said:

"It's helped my daughter express herself through music and gain the confidence to interact with Gail and any member of your staff"

Taking part has increased my social skills.'

'I felt so happy and free and so did my daughter.'

Children said:

'I was really shy at joining the band at first...I found out about the instruments and wanted to join every Tuesday. [I am] happy, more confident.'

'I like working with other people now.'

'It makes me feel well because we're creating the music'

Reaching the Wider Public

250+

Soundcastle worked in partnership with Peabody, Walthamstow Toy Library and Waltham Forest council to utilise local civic spaces to bring the Musical Beacons experience to the wider public.



Jubilee Tea Party
Langthorne Park
Amphitheatre



Sound Splash!
Fellowship Square
Fountains



Mayville
Primary
School
Summer Fair

FUNDERS

Musical Beacons Core Activity:



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Sessions for Families with Disabled Children:

Lloyd Park Children's Charity



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Sound Splash Event in Fellowship Square



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Further Information

Musical Beacons is Soundcastle's unique approach to working with young people and families through creative music making. We facilitate inclusive, safe spaces to families who are facing challenges in their lives, broadening access to music and encouraging confidence in life-long music making.

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