

# IMPACT REPORT

Salford Musical Youth

2016-2017



Salford Musical Youth is a volunteer-led organisation founded in 2014. We run weekly music workshops in a non-pressured environment, which is built around the young people's choices.

**DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE. JUST COME ALONG AND BE AS LOUD AND CREATIVE AS YOU CAN.**



**1.** Salford Musical Youth allows young people a safe space to rehearse their music, books gigs, provides transport to get to and from gigs and also has some capacity to supply equipment.

**2.** We have been invited to play at Festwich for two years in a row. Festwich is a one day music tribute festival in Prestwich. In 2016 the bands and solo artists from Salford Musical Youth played 6 sets to a total standing audience of approximately 420 (although some of them were dancing!).

**“Has a fun and inspirational mood, everyone is welcomed appropriately and everyone gets to do something! Great place at an extremely low price. So worth a visit!”**

**3.** Those who have attended since the founding of the organisation are showing signs of independence including getting their own gigs and writing their own music. We intend to support them to record an EP and promote it with live performances.

**4.** The group professionally recorded a song and have shared the recording through networks. The song also reached No 7 on a

music website and now have an audition for an exciting opportunity.

**5.** Volunteer tutors attend about a quarter of the sessions, they help to bring out the young people's ideas and teach them musical skills.

**“Band stand at Festwich was once again, grand...look forward to seeing you guys again in the following year! Keep up the good work!”**

**6.** Salford Musical Youth have facilitated the opportunities for young people. Two groups have formed called Insignia and Operation Detonation and also two young women are performing as solo artists.

**7.** We aim to improve our grant application skills so we can be more effective in raising funds to provide more resources. We sometimes struggle to pay for guitar strings and new cymbals due to our current capacity.

**8.** All the young people who attend Salford Musical Youth have their confidence boosted by attending the group. For example, one member auditioned for X Factor, one band got a manager and one group entered a Battle of the Bands and won a 3 hour recording session.