

Schools & youth groups activities report (motion Project) Jan-June 07

This document contains listings of groups the 'Motion Project' has been working with, either through education programs, interactive music experiences or community events.

St. Columbanus College

A pilot program of workshops exploring diversity through music.



Newtownabbey Area Touring Program

The Aim of the Program...

- Revealing the unity of music & cultures through live performances featuring sounds & musicians from various countries.
- Giving people the opportunity to meet others from different cultural backgrounds and to hear their music & stories and to play with their music through workshops.
- To highlight that multi-cultural arts benefits Northern Ireland socially and economically.
- To make cultural education fun and an experience.
- The Newtownabbey program was to specifically target schools and youth groups but was not limited to these particular age groups.

Program formats...

- Each workshop had a similar format with adjustments according to age groups.
- A short introduction, who are the Motion Project?
- Introduction to band individuals, country/cultural background, their instrument/s (name, cultural significance, history)
- The band playing music together
- Participation for students (& teachers) playing African, Irish Drums and percussion.



Workshop development...



The Primary school workshops with large numbers of children had a massive impact on the development of the motion workshops. The energy of the children fuelled the band to a point where the workshop became a music experience with children & teachers dancing, playing music, shouting, singing and generally having loads of fun.

Through evaluation of the Motion workshops especially primary school workshops the phrase 'Interactive Music Experience' was adopted, known now as iME. The reason for this was to lose the workshop tag and to use a term that would compliment the sessions accurately. The development of iME's through the Newtownabbey program has now travelled to other schools throughout the province.

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Workshop Individuals, Represented Countries & Instruments...

- Wilson Magwere – Zimbabwe – African Thumb Piano, Djembe Drums & Vocals
- Jan Uhrin – Slovakia – Bass Guitar
- Aidan Milligan – Ireland – Bodhran (Irish Drum)
- Zhenia Mahdi-Nau – Iran – Djembe
- Gabriel Makamanzi – Zimbabwe – Marimba, African Thumb Piano & Vocals
- Binu Manuel – India – Tabla drums
- Georgina Rascon-Marquez – Mexico – Djembe, Percussion & saxophone
- Peter Uhrin – Slovakia – Drums
- Chris Malinski – Poland – Recording engineer
- The workshops were either facilitated by Darren Ferguson or Davy Bates.

Participating groups...

- Ashgrove Primary School
- Ballyclare Youth Centre
- Ballyclare Primary School
- Ballyclare Secondary School
- Ballyduff Primary School
- Ballyearl summer Scheme
- Carnmoney Primary School
- Earlview Primary School
- Edmund Rice College
- Glengormley intergrated Primary School
- Glengormley Presbyterian Browies & Guides
- Glengormley High School
- Glengormley Youth Centre (exchange group)
- Millgreen Youth Club
- Monkstown Residential Centre
- Mossley Youth Centre
- Newtownabbey Community High School
- Newtownabbey Methodist Mission
- Newtownabbey Youth Office
- Rathcoole Youth Centre
- St. Bernards Primary School
- St. MacNissi's Primary School
- St. Mary's Primary School
- Whiteabbey Community Centre
- Whiteabbey Primary School



Omagh Youth Motion Music Sessions

A series of music composition workshops leading to a performance at Omagh midsummer festival. Awards for All funding payed for part of the program with

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Omagh Council covering the rest. Participants from Sacred Heart College & Living Room Project. The students worked along side musicians from the Motion Project with an aim to perform on stage with the Motion Band at Omagh's largest annual event.

The project was very successful and Beyond Skin are in negotiations with Omagh council about future programs with the students.

S.L.N.R.A. Primary Schools Program

- Birches Primary School
- East Coast Activity Centre, Rostrevor
- St. Mary's Primary School, Derrymore
- St. Mary's Primary School, Derrytrasna
- St. Mary's Primary School, Maghery
- St. Patrick's Primary School, Derrmacash
- St. Patrick's Primary School, Aghagallon

Limavady area Schools.

Another unique event, held in Limavady High School (seen as a predominately Protestant school), with participants from St. Marys (Limvady) and Dungiven High School.

The world music rhythm workshop provided education into world cultures and not only gave students the opportunity to meet musicians from different countries and hear their music, but also provided a forum for the pupils representing both sides of the N.I. divide to meet pupils from other schools. The day was covered by the local press and Beyond Skin met with Limavady council to discuss possible future music based programs.

Ards Council School Program.

- St. Mary's Primary Curcuben
- Portavogie Primary.



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