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Niburu Recordings Ltd Million Hours Fund— Progress Report



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Project Delivery Days and Times

Mondays: Afternoon/evening (4pm–6pm) @ Ponders End Youth Centre

Tuesdays: Afternoon (4:30pm–6pm) @ Northside Youth & Community Centre

Wednesdays: Afternoon/evening (4pm–6pm) @ Ponders End Youth Centre

Wednesdays: Afternoon/evening (5pm–6:30pm) @ ENACT Youth Centre

During this reporting period, we have delivered an additional 118 hours



of youth work across these sessions, made possible through the Million Hours funding. This has allowed us to increase staff

capacity and extend session times beyond our usual provision.

Activities Delivered



We have provided music-based activities and intergenerational activities across three youth clubs in the Northeast area of Enfield: ENACT Youth

Centre, Ponders End Youth Centre (PEYC), and Northside Youth and Community Centre (NYCC).

The music programme has included instrument workshops,

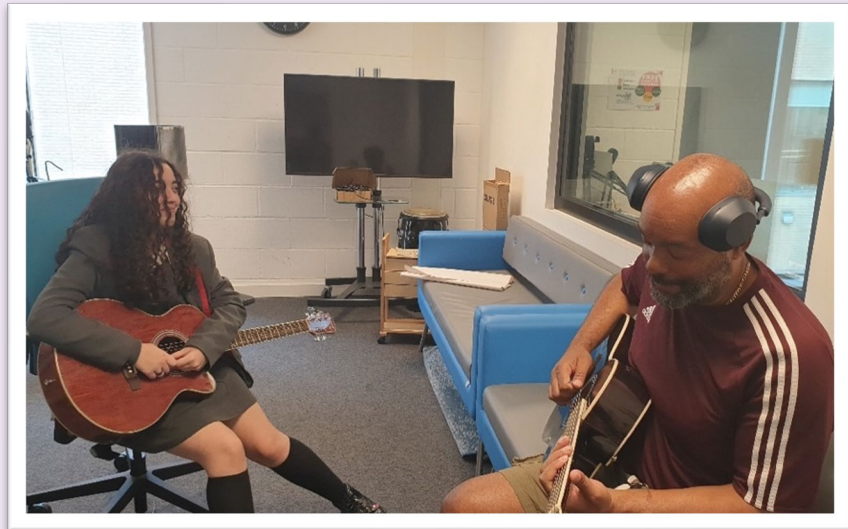


songwriting, and recording sessions, culminating in a showcase performance. The intergenerational project has brought together young people and older community

members for shared creative activities, helping to build mutual understanding in the local area.

Feedback Received

Feedback from both staff and young people has been overwhelmingly positive. Staff have reported that the additional hours



and increased staffing levels have enabled a growth in the interest of young people in music, while our other project has provided young people with cultural opportunities, they may not have experienced previously.

The Million Hours funding has enabled us to deliver more hours with added staff capacity, which has improved the quality and consistency of the service we provide to youth centres and young people.

An example of this involves a young person who we provided with a



keyboard to practice with at home. We were sincerely thanked by the young person, her parent, and the youth team for this support.

Now, at the start of every session, she comes in and says, “Look at what I learnt!”, before

proudly playing a piece of music for us. It has been wonderful to see her confidence and skills grow week by week.

New Collaborations / Future Plans

The funding has enabled us to widen collaborations to support our work with young people. This has included:

Chickenshed Theatre Company – for our intergenerational project,

Chickenshed will be hosting a theatre visit for our young people,

providing a tour, an opportunity to be a part of an intergenerational



workshop, and see a live theatre performance. For some of the young people this will be their first visit to see a play / performance. Furthermore, this trip will form part of their

work towards gaining an Arts Award qualification thus providing a recognised qualification that will support their future life choices.

Oasis Hadley School, Enfield, - hearing about our music program,

Oasis Hadley, have asked us to deliver a music workshops as part of their new initiative to revitalise their music curriculum in September

2026. For us, this would be dependent on future funding, which we are currently in the process of actively seeking, but it's a good example of

the progress we are making and being recognised for the work we are doing by others.

Craig Park Youth Centre – also heard about our music program and have asked us to run a 6 – week music session for their young people. After the initial assessment of their space and equipment, and discussions with the youth team, it became clear that although there are a lot of young people coming to the youth centre to do music, the equipment is constantly breaking down, and the young people become disillusioned by this and don't bother coming again.

We are currently in the process of helping Craig Park YC fix the issues in their studio. Our equipment budget from our Million Hours funding could go some way to support the needs of the youth centre. Let's hope we can get a "Million Smiles out of a Million Miles."

Youth Voice

Young people are central to shaping the direction of any project we run.



Our intergenerational project is totally driven by their vision and



concepts. They have come up with the premise, script, music and storyboard all in preparation for filming and recording. The

Chickenshed workshops have fed into the planning and has helped guide the sessions even when Chickenshed are not present.

Subsequently for us at Niburu we can focus on developing their film making and music creation skills of the young people.

For our music sessions our young people have asked us to teach them songs by artist we have never heard before. This is important to show we are open minded to their tastes, and this allows us to present music to them, they may never have heard.

Furthermore, when young people request to take instruments home, to practice, we **listen and allow**, imparting on them the responsibility they have for bringing the instrument back and the effect that has on others if they don't.

Planned Extra Youth Work Hours for Next Reporting Period

Due to the strengthened relationships, we have developed with the youth centres and the increased levels of trust in our work, we are now able to add an additional 4 hours per week to our music programme.



As mentioned previously, we have been asked to deliver music

workshops at a school as part of their extra-curricular provision.

This is planned to begin in September 2026 and would run for one hour at lunchtime and one hour after school. We are currently finalising how many sessions per week we will be able to offer. But as mentioned earlier this would be dependent on future funding.



Project Evaluation

Image Gallery

Whilst evaluations are able to share data and statistics, the fullness of the experience cannot be expressed simply in words. We hope that the images will share a little of the joys and achievements enjoyed by both tutors and young people during the sessions.

We have been honoured to work with such an abundance of natural talent and watch confidence of these young people grow and look forward to sharing the ongoing journey through a further Million Miles & Smiles!



First time on drums!

A Proud Tutor



Student shows a teacher how the cymbals work





Focussed group work

Swapping instruments



Our new vocalist



First Chickenshed Session



Interview skills



First storyboard

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