

## *A Day in the Life of...a Music Leader Apprentice*

My name is Josh LeMarquand, I'm 19, and I'm an apprentice at Plymouth Music Zone. I don't really know where to start with this or what to write about my job, the first thing that comes to mind really is how amazing the job is. I've met some of the most talented and friendly people ever working here and also, hopefully, passed on my knowledge to younger people. It is really hard to tell you of my favourite sessions as I've enjoyed every single session I've been part of. One of the groups of people, though, that never fail to make me laugh and smile are Scope; a group of people with varying disabilities, they are some of the nicest, most genuinely friendly and kind people I've had the pleasure to work with. I hope to carry on work with them for quite some



time. Some of the other groups I have helped with are the Ukulele Orchestra, E2E (Entry to Employment, a project with City College), which is a brilliant laugh and was with one of the greatest music leaders ever, Jo Phillips, who has sadly left now and is greatly missed.

*“I also do a guitar club at Mt. Wise with some of the most talented little guitarists ever, I'm struggling to teach them things now as they're getting THAT good.”*

I do the Big Bash, with Mr. Chris Trundle, who is one of the most talented musicians and music leaders I've met since I started. The group use drums called Cajons, which are kind of like a box with a snare in it. Curious? Come on down on a Tuesday. They are a very, very excitable, fun group. I also partook in a term of leading at Green Ark, which is a children's centre. That was an experience to say the least. Also, Sing It Up (not to be confused with Sing Up) where I was an “accompanist” playing the guitar to such fun songs and also working with Ellie, who has one amazing voice on her. Also, last but certainly by no means least, is another session with

Scope, in the Sensation Music Station (our multi sensory music studio) with Simon. Simon is a brilliant music leader with one of the greatest senses of humour going, also at the end of every week's session, without fail, we sing happy birthday to Pat, the carer who brings them down to PMZ.

*“I cannot even begin to tell you of the things that I've encountered in my few months here, but I've enjoyed every minute of it.”*

This was supposed to be “a day in the life of an apprentice” but I had so much to say and I couldn't have just talked about one day. I hope I haven't bored you with this, I understand I've rambled quite a bit so I'll leave it here. See you at PMZ in the near future!