



PLYMOUTH MUSIC ZONE's BIG 10...

COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET... 1999-2009 Timeline

Plymouth Music Zone began its life in 1999 with one musician working out of a cupboard in a local council building. 10 years on and it's now an award winning charity housed in a bespoke music education centre employing over 25 members of staff delivering up to 80 weekly workshops to around 1200 of the most vulnerable children and young people throughout Plymouth and beyond. PMZ is also the fastest growing trainer and employer of Community Musicians in the South West and one of the most successful of 22 "Youth Music Action Zones" nationwide.

From cupboard to Centre of Excellence. So how did that happen?

YEAR	Milestone/event etc
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "the music zone" set up as part of the Education Action Zone delivering to schools in Plymouth – from a cupboard in Seymour House! • Matt Griffiths employed as Music Director • £165,000 Funding from an Anonymous Benefactor
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Trewin employed as Music Animator • £95,000 Anonymous Benefactor funding
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £110,000 Anonymous Benefactor funding
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured Youth Music Action Zone status and funding that continues today
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Music Zone achieves charitable and Limited Company status • Space for Sport and Arts Capital Funding for new building • Mark Trewin becomes Project Director

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 'Soundskills - the Music Leader' training course
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Soundskills - The Music Teacher' - training launched for Music Coordinators from Primary and Special schools
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured Space for Sport and Arts and Excellence Cluster funding • Ben Ballard becomes Project Director • First Trainee Music Leader Apprentice employed • PMZ's Young People's Forum, TEMPO, launched
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMZ wins ITV People's Millions Funding for new multi-sensory music studio • Plymouth Music Zone rebrands..."Music Making a Difference" • First Independent Evaluation shows high degree of impact
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMZ wins Social Enterprise of the Year Award • PMZ wins Media Innovation Award • PMZ establishes the Nick Thomas Award for Outstanding Achievement in memory of a young musician
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMZ secures funding from DRC Partnership • PMZ chosen to lead the Sing Up national singing campaign in Devon • Plymouth Music Zone increasingly recognised as a Centre of Excellence and cutting edge community music organisation
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMZ chosen as national pilot for research into using technology for Special Needs singing • 10th Anniversary – TEMPO secures funding for events • Full scale Independent Evaluation proves profound impact of PMZ's work • PMZ completes Feasibility Study to extend existing building