

Project Crossovers



Picking Up The Baton for Project Crossovers - My Time As The Newby (July-August 2014)

It's week five of my time with PMZ as the new Communities Coordinator. Feels like I've settled in quite nicely. The PMZ team have been incredibly welcoming and I was so excited to come and work here! I have been joining in with music sessions, enjoying meeting lots of lovely participants, and getting to know our apprentices and volunteers.



And, within DAYS, they broke me! During my first week I had cried twice, but don't worry, it was the good kind of crying. The first time was at Devonport Views Residential Home when the "Keepsake, Keep Singing" group sang *Danny Boy*. One of the delightful residents, Jock, has a powerful voice that is really touching which brought home the emotion and meaning in the lyrics, and that was it... I was a goner. The second time was watching the video of the work PMZ has been doing with Shekinah Mission (the homelessness charity) and "Brett's Love Letter"... Very emotive. This video is on the PMZ YouTube channel – take a look and see if it tugs at your heart

strings too! Here's the link: <http://youtu.be/XyzVMW1k7bg?list=UU5eRc5lnwuTJDFeEW-Rq2GQ>

But I've also laughed a lot in my first few weeks here too - with the cheeky REVERB members (our advanced group for older disabled musicians) giving banter to Music Leader, Anna; Anna making ALL SORTS of funny noises in the office; Volunteer, Mike Canning and Music Leader, Simon, who are always teasing each other; and Volunteer/Music Leader, Dave England, with his humorous and insightful quips making us all giggle.

Joining in with the music sessions has been a real privilege. The creativity of the groups has blown me away. Check out the upcoming blogs for snippets of the things I've seen over the last month.

See you soon!
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