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PLYMOUTH MUSIC ZONE Apprentices – You're hired!

PMZ has announced a big welcome to two new additions to their team, Lynsey Dart and Michael Fullerton, who have both been successfully recruited as Apprentices to the organisation.

Lynsey and Mike's positions have been made possible all thanks to the Big Lottery fund who agreed to PMZ's request to fund Apprentice posts for people with disabilities. Their work is part of "Project Crossovers", a lottery funded programme of work at Plymouth Music Zone, bringing greater opportunities for vulnerable people and those with disabilities.

Jeany Robinson, Communities Coordinator for Plymouth Music Zone says:

"There is a huge lack of good training and progression opportunities for people with disabilities in Plymouth, especially those over 25, so we at Plymouth Music Zone wanted to try to resolve that issue. We're absolutely thrilled that the Big Lottery have supported us in this and feel sure that Lynsey and Michael bring will contribute tremendously to our work."

Lynsey and Mike will spend the next two years getting involved in all sorts of aspects of the organisation's activities. One day they might be supporting Music Leaders in music-making sessions and another they could be helping develop consultation and evaluation work.

Lynsey has a background in performance, singing and theatre and she was left disabled after a serious road accident. She has a diploma in Sound Technology and is now working part-time towards her batchelors degree in Music and Sound Technology at Plymouth University.

Mike has Asperger's syndrome and enjoys music, playing guitar and singing, and his other passion is dance. He volunteers part-time with Attik Dance who bring a programme of dance to people with and without disabilities. Mike may also be seen busking in the streets of Wadebridge!

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Notes to Editors:

Information about Plymouth Music Zone

Plymouth Music Zone (PMZ) is an award winning community music organisation that provides high quality tailored music workshops for those considered most in need as well as delivering bespoke training for musicians, teachers and community leaders etc. PMZ works with some of the most disadvantaged people in Plymouth, reaching around 500 children, young people and vulnerable adults every week through the delivery of up to 50 music activities across the city and at their state-of-the-art education centre located in Devonport. 95% of PMZ's music provision targets children, young people and adults defined as being 'at risk', with 40% of that delivery involving children and adults with disabilities and 58% involving older people and those considered 'vulnerable'.

For more information about Project Crossovers see:

<http://www.plymouthmusiczone.org.uk/project-crossovers-blog>

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