



Youth Music Appoints New Executive Director

Youth Music announced today that its Board has appointed Matt Griffiths as Executive Director. This completes a rigorous search and selection process led by the charity's Chairman and Nominations Committee.

Matt's appointment is effective from 6 June 2012 and follows Christina Coker's decision to step down as Chief Executive Officer after 13 years' service to the charity since its inception in 1999. Matt is currently Executive Director of Plymouth Music Zone and brings a wealth of experience and leadership in the music education sector to Youth Music.

Matt says, "I'm delighted and honoured to lead Youth Music in the next stage of its development. The charity has a successful track record in creating music making opportunities particularly for children and young people in the most challenging circumstances as well as supporting a national community of music education practice and expertise. I'm looking forward to working with the team to build on this firm foundation and ensure that participation in music continues to be for the many and not just the few."

Speaking on behalf of the Board, Chairman Richard Stilgoe said "We are delighted that Matt has agreed to join the Youth Music team. We have been meticulous in our search for new leadership and confident that, building on firm foundations he will be able to drive forwards this next stage of Youth Music's work."

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Youth Music is the leading UK charity using music to transform the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. We support and develop exemplary music provision at every stage of a young person's development, whether it's the first time a mother and baby make music together, or a talented teen's debut at the Royal Albert Hall.

Youth Music has transformed the landscape of musical opportunity in the UK. Since 1999, we've reached over two million children and young people through all types of music; both in and out of school. Music has the power to build confidence, broaden horizons and raise aspirations. Our music programmes allow vulnerable young people to find their way, take charge of their lives and unlock their hidden potential.