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**Event Date: Due to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**

## **PLYMOUTH MUSIC ZONE CALLS ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEASURE THE MUSICAL PULSE OF DEVONPORT.**

**The award winning community music organisation has enlisted the services of a special group of young people called the Plymouth Young Advisers whose main job is to 'Youth Proof' questionnaires and offer other services that get to the heart of what young people think, need and want. They've helped PMZ design a questionnaire which sets out to gather the inside track on what young people think about music in the area.**

Plymouth Music Zone's Devonport Music and Youth Worker, Matt Spry, is keen to find out what PMZ can do for young people in the neighbourhood:

**"Young people have an incredibly diverse taste in music and it can be a full time job keeping up with that. That's why Plymouth Music Zone is getting the Plymouth Young Advisers involved to make sure we have our finger on the pulse as much as possible. We want young people in Devonport to tell us what they really want because in this case they WILL end up getting what they wish for!"**

The Plymouth Young Advisers will be taking the simple questionnaire to the young people of Devonport through schools, youth groups, community centres as well as out on the streets. The group itself is also based in Devonport at the Mt Wise Youth and Community Project and is part of a national Young Advisers network. Devonport resident, Amanda Norton, is one of the young people involved who'll be doing a lot of the legwork:

**"We've been especially trained to engage and consult with other young people and we don't leave any stone unturned in trying to find out what they think. Young people love music and their opinions really matter to Plymouth Music Zone. So we want as many people as possible to take part to tell us what they like and what kind of workshops they'd like to see on offer at PMZ."**

The questionnaire will focus on finding out what music activities young people take part in now, what they want and how PMZ can help provide it. The consultation is due to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> and the results will be used to inform the planning and delivery of PMZ's music making opportunities for people aged 11-18 who live in the Devonport area.

For more information or for a copy of the questionnaire call Matt Spry at PMZ on 01752 213690 or check out the download section of the website at [www.plymouthmusiczone.org.uk](http://www.plymouthmusiczone.org.uk)

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