



# Project Crossovers

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## Introducing our MAD (Music Making a Difference) Forum!

Here at PMZ you probably already know that we have a lively, fun-loving youth forum called TEMPO. They have their own page on the PMZ website, but in a nutshell, Tempo provides young people with a voice in our organisation – something I've loved finding out about in my time here, whether it's through music-making, podcasting, becoming a "Feedback Friend" or presenting to staff. They're funny, clever and ... absolutely exhausting, but we wouldn't be without them, but as if that wasn't enough, I am pleased to announce .... taraaaaaa ta-raaaaa – to sounds of trumpets please .....

## Our brand new Forum!

At PMZ we're very proud of the fact that we have had some incredibly talented people that have been coming here as participants or volunteers for some time (years, some of them) and that some of those people have disabilities. We realised that we had this incredibly valuable source of knowledge and insight that we shouldn't be ignoring and they were telling us that they wanted more!

They wanted more opportunities to engage in high-quality music-making, music technology and more opportunities to be involved in other ways at PMZ. What were we waiting for? Project Crossovers provided us with the resources to set up our new forum, who met for the first time on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Familiar as well as new faces joined us to find out more about what the forum would entail, how we would be recruiting apprentices and volunteers with disabilities and their management role in that, how their voice would feed directly to the Trustees of the organisation, how they could have an input into policies and how we would go out on learning trips to make sure that PMZ's programmes of activity reflected the needs of people in challenging circumstances. We'll be meeting regularly (monthly/six-weekly) but the forum is NOT going to be a meetings-for-meetings' sake, tokenistic gesture. It will be a strong and vital voice within PMZ, and we recognise just how lucky we are that people feel they want to give something back to PMZ, these fantastic people that are part of PMZ's new forum!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me, Jeany, on 01752 213692 or email [jeany@plymouthmusiczone.org.uk](mailto:jeany@plymouthmusiczone.org.uk)

