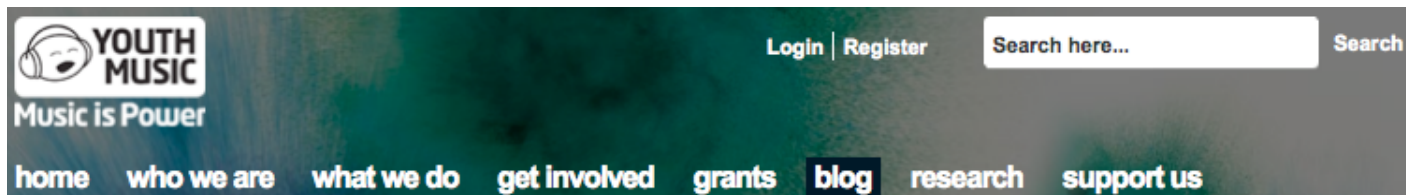


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Derbyshire Children's Hospital hosts a special music day for Youth Music Week 2010

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Last Thursday patients at Derbyshire Children's Hospital celebrated the start of a year-long residency of musicians as part of a brand new Youth Music funded project. The project led by Opus will involve weekly music sessions with patients, visitors and healthcare staff.

We have invested £30,000 in this innovative project which will see Opus musicians visiting the Children's Hospital every week from January 2011.

Last Thursday's 'music day' was part of **Youth Music Week 2010** and incorporated musicians working in waiting rooms and on the wards.



Children were given the opportunity to make music alongside Opus musicians and also had the chance to take part in one-to-one music sessions, group workshops and performances.

Over the course of the project Opus will work closely with Play Specialists at the hospital, helping the children to forget about their illness for a while and enjoy their music making, giving opportunities to children who would otherwise miss out due to their being in hospital.



Prior to the residency, Opus will be hosting a training week with Marianne Clarac; a musician and trainer from the internationally acclaimed organisation Musique & Santé based in Paris, France. During this week, Opus musicians will be joined by other musicians in the region to explore approaches to music making in hospitals.

Nick Cutts (Co Artistic Director for Opus) said, "we are really looking forward to working with the children's hospital on this new and exciting project and to bringing music to children at the hospital on such a regular basis. We are very excited about the opportunity of working alongside Marianne from Musique & Santé, who brings a wealth of experience of this type of work."

Spencer Halls, Youth Music's Business Development Manager, who attended the music day, said:

"It was well worth the visit to see the work being done by Opus who really caused a bit of a stir with their music making in the reception area of Derbyshire's Children's Hospital. The music leader, Nick Cutts, expertly danced around the room weaving in and out of a number of smiling young faces. He almost took on the look and style of the piper as he played some simple melodies on his bassoon, whilst intermittently giggling and generally encouraging everyone in the room to bang or scrape on something. I met one young boy in a wheelchair who has such a rare condition that it requires round the clock care and because of it he has not been home since being born almost two years ago. He was thoroughly enjoying the music and had a huge grin on face throughout."

"For me, the work being done by Opus was a wonderfully vivid example of the power of music in action. It was music with the power to lift spirits and bring hope under truly testing conditions. A further highlight was seeing Derby's Mayor banging on a tambourine and telling me how important he thought the work was. I might have assumed he was just being polite were it not for the fact that he was still there talking to Nick and his team of music leader trainees well after the photo-call was over!"

