

# Case Study – Ladywood Community School of Music

Amount Granted: £4,950.00 (Grassroots Birmingham – Date Completed: March 2010)

## The Project:

Ladywood Community School of Music set up the Music Matters project to provide low cost music making provisions for members of the local community. Beneficiaries were looking for an inclusive provision to help them develop their ideas and become involved in the planning, organisation and staging of a musical event. Via a series of weekly workshops and tuition, project beneficiaries gained the knowledge and skills required to achieve their objectives.



**Total number of people who benefited from this project:** 80 (45 men & 35 women)

**Area of Benefit:** Ladywood, Birmingham

## Why was the project needed?

Members of the local community lacked access to good music tuition, with older residents facing the most severe accessibility issues. The Music Matters project made tuition and support accessible to all in a fun, familiar environment.



## The difference the project has made:

Members have enhanced their reading ability, composition and confidence. The skills gained by project beneficiaries will inspire them and other members of their families to pro-actively pursue their passion for musical performance.

The project was an excellent diversionary device, keeping young people positively engaged and active within their local community.

## Quote:

*"The funding from Birmingham Community Foundation has enabled the Ladywood Community School of Music to provide the local people of all ages in Ladywood with the opportunity to take part in fun, relaxing music making activities. Families and young people have worked closely together, learning to improve their social, music and performance skills."*

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