

Music Man Project Impact Report 2025

Building music skills, confidence and friendships through inclusive weekly sessions and performances

Our Impact At A Glance

100%

Strongly agree staff & volunteers treat them with respect

100%

Agree or strongly agree they feel welcome and included

100%

Agree or strongly agree they feel happy at Music Man Project

100%

Of respondents come to Music Man Project every week

"I love MMP!"

"Keep on doing what you're doing - you're brilliant."

"A big thank you to Naomi and all the lovely volunteers."

- Members

How Music Man Project Makes a Difference

Music Skills & Achievement

100% agree or strongly agree Music Man Project has helped them improve their music skills. 100% agree or strongly agree they have a sense of achievement from learning new skills.

Happiness & Confidence

100% agree or strongly agree they feel happy when at Music Man Project. 100% agree or strongly agree they feel confident when at club.

Independence

90% agree or strongly agree Music Man Project helps them be more independent. Coming to sessions supports members to develop life skills and confidence.

Community & Inclusion

100% agree or strongly agree Mencap helps them be part of the wider local community. Members describe making friends and feeling included in everything.

"Very inclusive - everyone is given an opportunity to 'have a go!'"

"Ensuring each person has a chance to contribute, despite their disability."

"They give me new experiences. Meeting people who enjoy the same things that I enjoy."

- Members

Reach & Engagement

- 28 members on the Music Man Project list
- 20-25 members attend each week (weekly average: 22 people)
- 76 volunteer hours given during a 3 month period.
- 3 performances during a 3 month period: Bridgwater (with Sussex), Santa Dash, and Christmas concert

Member Feedback

What Mencap Does Well

- Ensuring each person has a chance to contribute, despite their disability
- Very inclusive - everyone is given an opportunity to "have a go"
- Good communication - WhatsApp group has proved useful
- Teaching us to play instruments and perform
- Kind and friendly - "They are kind to me. I am always included."
- Giving new experiences and helping make friends
- Provide lots of things to do which are fun!
- The helpers are always happy

Areas to Improve

- "Nothing - Mencap is good"
- Get a new Music Man bus
- Not so many members shouting
- "Very happy with what Mencap provides for me"
- "Not sure because they do so much anyway"
- "I can't think of anything"
- Karaoke doesn't work as well - the "doing things together" feeling isn't there

What Members Love & What They Want

Favourite Things

- Singing and playing instruments - especially drums & tambourines
- Meeting friends and seeing the group as a whole
- Performances - Christmas concert, Albert Hall
- The enthusiasm shown by leaders
- The volunteers are kind and helpful
- "I enjoy all of it"

Future Activity Suggestions

- Raise money for Music Man Project
- More opportunities to play particular instruments - music lessons
- "Can it be like School of Rock at some sessions!"
- Go and see rock concerts or bands at Bath Forum
- Go to a carol service with the group
- More opportunities to perform - "Going to more theatres around the country to perform"
- "I'd like to learn to play the drums"

With sustained funding, Music Man Project can continue to provide a vibrant, inclusive space where adults with learning disabilities develop music skills, perform together, build confidence and friendships - all while experiencing the joy of making music as part of a supportive community.