

**Access and Participation Statement**

As the lead organisation of the Swindon Music Education Hub **(Make Music Swindon) Swindon Music Service** is responsible for providing students from across the borough with opportunities to access high quality, out of school ensemble and progression opportunities. In addition, we work with schools, Hub Partners and a diverse range of other organisations to provide performance opportunities throughout the year and offer an Access Fund to those students experiencing financial or personal hardship.

**Swindon Music Service’s guiding principles:**

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| Serial | Description |
| 1. | To place young people’s needs at the centre of our decision-making and service development |
| 2. | To map and facilitate pathways for progression and practice development across a range of genres, from early years onwards, in response to our particular local needs |
| 3. | To minimise financial, geographical and personal barriers to participation |
| 4. | To enable young people to make a positive contribution to society through participation |
| 5. | To raise aspirations by enabling young people to enjoy inspirational events |
| 6. | To build in legacy and develop capacity wherever appropriate |
| 7. | To strengthen links between partner organisations at all levels from strategic to operational |
| 8. | To communicate effectively and share information and good practice |
| 9. | To encourage creativity and innovation within music education |