

# Hackney Youth Music Forum

**Music Excellence London  
Inspire Event**

**Cecil Sharp House  
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- Set up in January 2014 to enable YP to influence music provision across the borough
- Founding members come from across:
  - Secondary schools Yr8 upwards
  - Instrumental ensembles
  - Choirs
  - Bands
  - Partner organisations

- Monthly sessions became twice monthly sessions
- Lots of team building games/activities
- Visiting guests e.g.:
  - Emeli Sande's drummer (former Hackney student)
  - GSMD new PACE degree opportunities
- Discussions about music making:
  - Who's music is it?
  - What is HYMF and who is it for?
  - Who will lead it?

- Not just about those in the room
- April 2014 HYMF did a survey across the borough & invited Sound Connections to support their survey
- HYMF analysed results themselves which led to running their own projects including a sell-out show at Chats Palace
- Other supported events include:
  - MyHackney Festival
  - Live Streamed music events
  - Curating the Live Stage at the Hackney One Carnival each year

## So what about school music?

- Does classroom time need to be spent learning about musical facts and knowledge? Should be about music making and understanding
- Not enough music lessons in secondary schools as compared to maths, English and science
- Schools should not treat music as less important than other subjects e.g. extra curricular

- Takiyah – Chair of HYMF
- Should not always be about ‘creative’ vs. ‘academic’
- Music is hard work!



- Need to find a balance between performing and writing
- Need exposure to a broad and diverse range of music:
  - Pop music
  - Trap
  - Classical
  - Vocal
  - Jazz and more

# So what about my music?

- What does music mean to me?
  - What am I doing now?



**Thank you for listening**

**Any questions?**