

Fairbeats!

Making music with Young Londoners

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- Fairbeats works in partnership with Action for Refugees in Lewisham (since 2011), Refugee Action Kingston (since 2012), Love to Learn Homework Club at the Katherine Low Settlement Wandsworth (since 2014) and Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers (since 2018).
- We work with around 150 children and their families each year.
- We have introduced children and families from refugee, asylum seeking and new migrant backgrounds to the work of numerous arts organisations including: The Albany Theatre, The South Bank Centre, Wigmore Hall, Opera Holland Park, Battersea Arts Centre, Rose Theatre Kingston, Omnibus Theatre, Spitalfields Music Festival, Polka Theatre, Kinetika Bloco, The Maritime Museum and Horniman Museum and Gardens.
- We have supported long term music making for young refugees, asylum seekers and new migrants at Midi Music Company, primary and secondary school individual music lessons on trumpet, guitar, violin and keyboard, guitar lessons with Kingston and Southwark Music Hubs, Animate Orchestra, Blackheath Children's Opera, World HeartBeat Academy Wandsworth and Camberwell Choir School.
- We have supported participants to gain Arts Awards, Music medal and ABRSM grade exams.
- We have written research on our work supporting musical progression for young refugees, asylum seekers and new migrants (<https://www.sound-connections.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Fairbeats-SC-Research-Project-Final.pdf>) commissioned by Sound Connections and published on the Youth Music Network forum.
- We have been invited to present our work by the Musicians Union, Sound Connections, the Incorporated Society of Musicians, I Speak Music for Surrey Arts, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, the National Youth Music Action Zone conference and NAME
- We have delivered two songwriting projects supported by Arts Council England. 'Fairbeats Phone Home' in partnership with Upstart Theatre, the results of which were shared at the South Bank Centre with Counterpoint Arts for Refugee week 2016 and 'Fairbeats SeaThings' a partnership project with The Maritime Museum Greenwich celebrating the creation of a new bust by participants at Action for Refugees in Lewisham for the permanent collection of the new Sea Things Gallery opened in 2018.
- We are currently working in partnership with The Albany, Battersea Arts Centre and Theatre Peckham to co-create a set of songs celebrating our tenth anniversary with our participants.