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DCMS and Youth Music programme geared at tackling anti-social behaviour

The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Youth Music have launched a national music programme to tackle antisocial behaviour and inspire young people.

The £666,000, two-year initiative, – unveiled by culture secretary Tessa Jowell – is designed to get young people involved in making music.

The project will run at 14 locations across the UK – including Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester – and provides one-to-one and group mentoring sessions with peers, musicians and representatives from the music industry.

The programme also offers small group tutoring sessions on specific topics related to music composition and progression routes into the industry.

'Youth Music gives young people the chance to shape and create their own work and provides them with a platform to share ideas and talent,' said Jowell.

'The creativity of making and performing music can have such a powerful impact in raising ambition, giving a sense of purpose, confidence and self-respect. For young people who lack this sense of themselves, I know that Youth Music's mentoring will make a real difference.'

The launch also showcased the work and achievements of young participants from two Youth Music Action Zones, the Thanet Youth Music group and Pie Factory Music, who unveiled its debut album.

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