

# THE P U L S E

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## More Drumming

Brilliant news. We have been awarded another year of funding from Creative Scotland's Youth Music Initiative. This funding enables the fantastic young people who attend our Drum Clubs the opportunity to continue their drumming journey with us.

This will mean encouraging new young people to drum with new groups planned at FetLor Youth Club, Drummond High and Leith Academy. There will also be a new group established within the Leith Area which has come directly from the City of Edinburgh participatory budget scheme that was aimed at young people.

The performances will continue too. This year we had big performances in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Liverpool. We aim to build on this for a cracking end of year with Underbelly at Light Night And Edinburgh Torchlight Parade.

We aim to see the Year of Young People out with a bang!



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## The A.R.Ts Afternoon Newsletter

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# The Finger on the Pulse

## SUMMER 2018

As always summer is our busiest time of the year, this year has been no different with performances nearly every weekend from May through to August. We played at a number of gala days to enthusiastic local communities, travelled to Liverpool to play at the Brouhaha

International Carnival (which we first invited to play in 2008), we headed off to Glasgow for 4 days to be involved in the Glasgow Encontro and the official parade for the European Championships. There was also the yearly date with the Edinburgh Festival Carnival, with new Carnival lead Emma Picken. This year we also returned to the Leith Festival for three events. We played at the launch of the Festival, at the Pageant and finished off in the event that traditionally closes it the Leith Tattoo. It has been a long time since we have taken part, for some of us the Tattoo was very special: firstly we had our biggest band to date with 84 drummers including our small adult group and for those of us that have organised playing it before, it was a little hats off to **Fred**, who was the organiser for many years.



## NEW STAFF

We gained funding for a post from Community Jobs Scotland, however after the interviews we asked for a second post and were able to fill a 25 hour post and 16 hour post. A huge thank you to SCVO for making that possible. We are only a few weeks in and we the new staff have already made a difference.

## RESONATE @ THE QUEENS HALL

This was an amazing night organised by the Arts Unit of the City of Edinburgh Council, giving an opportunity to show what talented young people Edinburgh has. Our Ferryhill Drum club performed and what a performance. The young people came together supported each other and made everything work. To top it all their respect for every other act was exemplary.

## THANK YOU

This project is not possible without our funders Creative Scotland, Robertson Trust and the City of Edinburgh Council. The staff team has been tremendous giving that bit extra to make things happen. Thanks to parents who support and volunteer but the most importantly the biggest thanks go to the young people.

## Welcome to our new staff

Beth Tomney and Fergus MacDonald both joined our staff team at the beginning of September, Beth is well known to Pulse members having been with the band since she was in P5.

So in their own words:

**Fergus:** I'm thrilled to be a new recruit for A.R.Ts afternoon. I got this opportunity through Community Jobs Scotland, which has already been life changing for me. What I brought to the job is a love of music and rumming, but what I'm quickly learning is how fulfilling it is to share that with the youth attending the clubs.

And

**Beth:** I started Samba drumming nine years ago with Pulse of the Place, when I was ten years old. I started leading the band and doing some volunteering 4 years ago, when I was fourteen. This gave me opportunities to develop my skills and confidence to go on to college to complete a HNC in Working with Communities and I have now got a job through Community Job Scotland working at A.R.Ts Afternoon as a Trainee Youth Worker.



## Ending the year with a Bang!!

We are all looking forward to an exciting end of year. Our regular date with the Edinburgh Light Switch on organised by Underbelly is building nicely. We are aiming to get our biggest youth band to date on stage at Light Night. We are about to start to work on a piece for Light Night with all the Drum Clubs. We are aiming to link with Tania who is promoting the Fair Trade Tartan, so we may look a little different. Light Night will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November.



And to finish off our year and helping end the Year of Young People with a bang. We will be one of the featured bands in Edinburgh's Torchlight Parade. Pulse of the Place will be helping keep a beat of the 15 thousands torch bearers.

If you haven't witnessed this, it is an event not to be missed.





## MERCHANDISE

We have a number of items that are available to buy:-

T-shirts	£ 12.00
Beanie Hats	£ 10.00
Button Badges small	£ 1.00
Pin Badges large	£ 1.50
Calendar 2019 A3 (one page)	£ 4.00
Hoodies	£ 10.00

(You supply a black hoodie and we will have it embroidered).

## PULSE T-SHIRTS



2018 - 2019

Any orders for Christmas must be made by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**youth samba drumming** 

**FETLOR DRUM CLUB**

**Fet-Lor Youth Club**

**Wed 5pm - 6pm**  
**starts 26th September**  
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**DRUMMING CLASS**

We will be using Samba drums and percussion.

All Instruments provided

10 weeks £40  
 24th September - 3rd December

Mondays  
 7:30 - 8:30pm

The Arts Complex, Floor B1- West Wing  
 St Margaret's House, 151 London Road nr Meadowbank

No previous experience required  
**ALL ADULTS WELCOME!!**

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