

# THE P U L S E

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## NEW YORK 2023

After two long years of COVID, we are now ready to look forward again and re-ignite our plans to visit New York. Our plan with our partners at **World Fair Trade Tartan** is to partake in the Tartan Day Parade in New York in April 2023.

We were disappointed as everything was ready to go in 2020 and then we were faced with the pandemic, however we believe the trip will be able to offer more thorough lead up work through the partnership with **Edinburgh Festival Carnival** and having staff from **Harlem Samba** being based with us through May and June 2022 with the possibility of a reciprocal visit for a couple of people from our organisation prior the drumming group going in April 2023.

The trip itself will comprise of 5 nights in New York and travelling days on either side. We will be working on costs and will be able to announce how much per child after the Easter Holidays. Prices have changed since we originally planned the visit in 2020, but we have some monies from previous fundraising and a small grant from **Creative Scotland**. There will be approximately 35 spaces which are open but it will be important for young people to make the Friday rehearsals as this is not a holiday it is an educational trip, with our young people performing (drumming) and working alongside local young people in New York from Harlem samba, but of course there will be sightseeing and some other surprises we are working on.

You will be offered the chance to sign up after the Easter Holidays and the work starts then with drumming performances, fundraising, liaising with Harlem Samba and supporting the young people to gel as a group. This is an opportunity of a life time.

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# The Finger on the Pulse



## A QUICK LOOK BACK

It has been a tough few years through this pandemic, many people have lost family and loved ones. Young people have faced additional pressures with online learning which has added pressure particularly on those sitting exams. We ran in excess of 300 sessions on Zoom and tried to keep in touch with as many young people as we could. Our young people missed out on a trip of a lifetime to New York. Without forgetting the hard times we are now at a time to finally look forward again.

## THE PROJECT

We have kept some form of service going throughout the pandemic and had run our first Zoom session within the first week of the lockdown. We have been able to keep going because of the funding and support of **Creative Scotland**, we have just secured funding from them until June 2023. This funding enables us to run the Drum Club Project and not charge any young person to attend.

## DRUM CLUBS

It has been a slow journey but we will be back to running at full capacity by the beginning of March. There are some changes; Destiny Church which has been a fantastic and solid venue for many years is no longer available so the Friday Groups will move to Hermitage Park Primary.

We are also working at establishing an East Lothian base at Windygoul Primary, where have worked closely with the school and plan to increase our capacity by running a regular afterschool provision. It is also good to be at Pilrig Park which specialises in working with young people disabilities, we have met some amazing

young people there. We have had a few young people join the evening clubs from the school.

## SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

We are currently trying to set up a summer school in the first week of the Summer Holidays. It will run from Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 10am – 4pm. This will be free of charge and is currently likely to run in Leith



## PERFORMANCES

We have been booked for a few performances at Galas through June and culminating in the Edinburgh Festival Carnival. We be looking for bands of 20+ for the galas and this year we have been booked for two on the same day... so two bands going out to different venues supported by staff. Please check the back page of this newsletter and sign up.

## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL CARNIVAL

This is a big year for us with Carnival. A.R.Ts Afternoon will be partners in organising the Encontro. The Encontro is a coming together and this year there will be drumming bands from France, Brazil and Portugal. This will lead to a massed band performance at the Ross Bandstand straight after the Parade. This event usually attracts in excess of 20,000 people. Prior to Carnival Day there will be free workshops (11<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> ) for all drummers including our young people to rehearse and get ready for this amazing event.

As part of this process we will be joined by tutors from Harlem Samba (NYC) and Banda Adida (Brazil) to work with our drum clubs in May and June.

## ROHAN SEILMAN – PROJECT LEAD

## ON-LINE CONTENT

Over time it has been clear that to maintain a profile we require online content. Social Media has its uses and its issues but it is here and is used... so you will get photos of people's breakfasts and posts that you wished you hadn't seen. Saying that we have an active social media presence and get to share some amazing achievements.

Most of our social media emanates from Facebook and is then copied on to other platforms.

We have Facebook page for Pulse of the Place which is public.

We have also set up a private group called Hey Pulse of the Place, which is for drummers (and parents) past and present. You have to request to join this and one of our admins will approve or deny the request. This group is used regularly as a notice board mainly, so even if you are not fully active on Facebook this page is worth a check. This is also a good place to share videos with us and other parents/carers

We have lots of information on our website, although this is only updated when we have time. This is a small part time project, so updates of the website aren't necessarily a priority.

There are many videos of Pulse of the Place on line, if you search in You Tube. There are also a number of videos on our video wall.

<http://www.artsafternoon.org.uk/music/video/video.html>

If you have any questions please e-mail us them at the email address below.

### CONTACT US:

Website: [www.artsafternoon.org.uk](http://www.artsafternoon.org.uk)

Pulse of the Place Twitter: @pulseoftheplace

Pulse of the Place Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pulseoftheplace](https://www.facebook.com/pulseoftheplace)

Facebook Group (Hey Pulse of the Place): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/611696038974352>

E-mail: [pulseoftheplace@gmail.com](mailto:pulseoftheplace@gmail.com)

### REGISTRATION

We do require registration forms each year for every young person. This enables us to ensure we have correct contact details and more importantly updated medical information. We understand that if your child has a condition that can be hard to put down on a form, however without information it makes it harder for us to support them. It may be easier to e-mail to arrange a time for us to phone you before filling in the form.

Any new people wishing to join please e-mail us and fill in a registration form at the link below. Thank you.

<https://form.jotform.com/212434117202036>



## Dates for your diary

### Performances:

Blackburn Gala – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Prestonpans Gala – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Deans Gala – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

World Music Day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - TBC

Goodtrees Mini Carnival – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

### Summer School and Workshops (free of charge)

Summer School: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July (10am – 4pm)

Encuentro (massed band for Carnival): Monday 11<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> (10am – 3pm)

### Regular Drum Clubs for young people (free of charge)

Windygoul Drum Club: Tuesdays (3:30pm – 4:30pm) - start date still to be announced

Ferryhill Drum Club: Wednesdays (3:15 – 4:15pm)

Pilrig Park School Club: Thursdays (1:30 – 2:30pm)

Victoria Primary: Thursdays (3:15 – 4:15pm)

FetLor Drum Club: Thursdays (5:30 – 6:30pm)

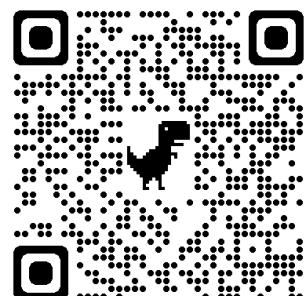
Beat It @ FetLor: Thursday (6:30 – 7:30pm)

Pulse Beginners @Hermitage Park: Fridays (1:30 – 2:30pm)

Pulse of the Place @Hermitage Park: Fridays (2:45 – 3:45pm)

To sign up for performances, summer school or workshops  
please fill in the form at the link below or use the QR code.

<https://form.jotform.com/220523474359356>



**PLEASE NOTE:** If your child has not drummed with during this academic year (from Aug 2021) then you will have to fill a registration form.

Please email: [pulseoftheplace@gmail.com](mailto:pulseoftheplace@gmail.com)

### Adult drumming group

We are looking to set an adult group in conjunction with the Kirky Samba Sisters on a Thursday evening. If you are interested please contact Beth ([beth@artsafternoon.org.uk](mailto:beth@artsafternoon.org.uk)). There will be a weekly charge for this group.