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MUSIC DAY is about creating a tangible presence of music throughout the whole day, wherever you are. It isn't about any specific forms of performance or musical style or setting. In fact, Music Day is about an active sharing of different cultures from Britain and the rest of the world, with an emphasis on participation and hosted in an open and accessible way.

In Europe, under the names Fête de la Musique or World Music Day, this tradition has been going on since as far back as 1982. In many countries the celebrations take place on the streets and in public spaces. The current situation in the UK is a little different and more awkward to manage, so we understand that many people are put off by the amount of red-tape involved in, for example, staging even a small event in a public park.

Other people may also be confused about what kind of event they could organise, or where to hold it. That is why we've written this document – to stir up your grey matter and hopefully inspire some ideas of your own!



Think outside the box

Anywhere can be a potential stage for a small Music Day performance – parks, street corners, cafe

terraces, rooftops, underpasses, playgrounds you name it!

is when many places who may not usually be accessible to the public make the switch for a day. Invite people to see your building and have them enjoy a concert whilst they do.



Amateur music groups

Music Day is an accessible and level playing field for amateur musicians to hold what might be their first

concert. Organise your own music group, or other local groups, to have a concert on the street outside your place of rehearsal or elsewhere in town.



The centre of your community

In many villages, towns and cities the village green, the commons and the town squares have

gradually seen a decline in use. Why not use Music Day as a great excuse to bring some flair and excitement to the centre of your community?



Open doors

Fete de la Musique wasn't the only great idea to come over the Channel - 'Port Ouverte' or 'Open Doors'



A minute's noise

In the 21st century our notions of music are fully stretched and now encompass many forms of sonic artistry. Perhaps you

can gather a flashmob somewhere public and have one minute's worth of noise for the living!

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Youth and school concerts

The future of music in the UK of course lies with our youth. A Music Day concert in the school

playground, or outside the gates, can be a focal point for the music students to work towards.



Learn to make an instrument

Why stop at simply playing an instrument? Music Day is also about education and the daytime can host

workshops, lectures and discussions. One idea would be to gather recycled materials and help people build an instrument that is ready to show its colours at an evening concert.



Learn to play an instrument

Though many Music Day events will take the form of concerts it is also about getting your

hands dirty and picking up an instrument. Perhaps you can organise a practical workshop for the budding musicians out there.



And into the night...

It doesn't have to wind down at sundown on what is the longest day of the year. As night creeps in the party can move to

venues, clubs and bars and continue till dawn. Perhaps you can rally together other venues in your locality and create 'a crawl'. The events would have to be free-entry, but that doesn't stop you covering costs with the bar, merchandise or competitions.



Exploring new cultures

After all, it is international Music Day - so a big part of what takes place is the opportunity to seek out

and discover vibrant musical cultures from around the globe. It makes sense then that this is a perfect platform for you to present your own culture as well. Cuban Black-Metal with Alpine influences anyone?

