



MUSIC AND THE DEAF

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Dear Fellow Lions,

Those of you who attended Multiple District Convention 2010, in Leeds, will remember only too well, the inspirational; Paul Whittaker (Artistic Director for Music and the Deaf), together with the Deaf Youth Orchestra.

For those of you who were not in Leeds, let us tell you a little about them.

Music and the Deaf is a unique charity with aims to offer help to the nine million people in the UK with a hearing loss (one in seven of the population) to enjoy the world of music. Since 1988 the charity has worked with, and served, thousands of people of all ages on a wide range of projects and activities.

Their work includes: workshops, the Deaf Youth Orchestra, instrumental tuition, Early Years Music, Deaf Musical Theatre, training, talks, lectures and signed theatre / concerts. Their patrons, to name just two, include Lord Lloyd Webber and Sir Cliff Richard.

Whilst Music and the Deaf has not formally been adopted as a Multiple District project, we did in Leeds ring fence a donation of £12,000, for their work with Hi Notes, a group of talented deaf young musicians, who write, compose and perform their own contemporary music. In addition a number of Districts have accepted Music and the Deaf as one of its charities and Paul is speaking at a number of forthcoming district conventions.

At the recent Council of Governors meeting, your Council agreed to us sending out a communication to all clubs across our Multiple District, to make you aware of this new start for Music and the Deaf; and to circulate a PDF copy of the charity's promotional brochure. Please find this attached. When you read this, you will note that there are different ways that individuals can support the charity, in their own rights, by becoming a 'friend' of Music and the Deaf. If individuals were able to support in this way, they would be playing a vital role which would enable the charity to continue to deliver its wide range of activities, by making a small donation. 'Friends' will receive four newsletters a year and advance information about Music and the Deaf events.

Any support that you can give would be most gratefully appreciated and we do encourage you to not only tell your fellow Lions, but also your family and friends.

For any further information about the work of the charity, please do not hesitate to contact Lion David Seager on 01204 669406.

Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,



Multiple District 105 – British Isles and Ireland
proud supporters of Music and the Deaf

Lion Phil Nathan MBE
Chairman

Lion Dave Seager
Company Secretary

Note: In May 2010, Paul Whittaker approached PID Lion Phil Nathan, to support him in reorganising Music and the Deaf with the formation of a new board of directors. Phil invited PDG Lion David Seager (105BN) and 2nd VDG Lion Phil Robinson (105SE) to join him and they have subsequently been elected Company Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. The three named were joined by three non - Lions Susan and John Warburton from York and Susan Rosborough from Ripponden. This new board bring together new experience, skills and knowledge and will help give the charity a national profile.