

Jessie's Fund

MUSIC HELPING CHILDREN

Jessie's Fund helps seriously ill or disabled children to communicate through music.

Music provides a powerful and therapeutic means of expression, particularly for those children whose illness or disability leaves them unable to talk.



Jessica George, a talented musical child, died of a brain tumour at the age of nine. Inspired by her life and love of music, **Jessie's Fund** was established to bring the benefits of live therapeutic music to children with special needs.

Music has been a key to unlock his communication.

Parent of a child with autism

Jessie's Fund has been the catalyst in bringing music therapy and creative musical experiences to thousands of children across the UK, in hospices, special schools, children's centres, hospitals, and in children's own homes.

Staff felt that the music affected and inspired the children in a more profound way than anything else in the curriculum and that some children responded to music where they reacted to nothing else.

Independent project evaluator

Jessie's Fund's current priority is its **Soundtracks** programme of creative music projects in special schools. Having worked in some 30 schools so far, this small charity has a vision of every child being able to participate in life-enhancing musical activities, whatever their abilities.



I am delighted to be the Patron of Jessie's Fund because their mission is abundantly clear – that music is there for everybody; it can bring fun and communication to everybody, no matter what your problems, no matter what your physical difficulties. It can work for you and enhance your life. And we all deserve that.

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