**The Music Therapy Charity**

**MA Bursaries for trainees on Music Therapy Training courses in the UK**

The bursary has been of great use to me throughout the training course. Firstly, I was able to put some of the bursary money towards buying a laptop to use for writing my coursework. I have also been able to use the laptop on placement to record sessions with clients. This has been a vital part of my development as a reflective practitioner. Without the means to record music therapy sessions, I would not be able to reflect as effectively, as written notes are generally not as reliable as watching a recording of the session.

The bursary has also supported me with travel costs to the music therapy training base, where as part of the course I attended supervision and technical workshops two days a week. I have also been able to travel to a placement for one day each week, which has given me experience with clients in a forensic mental health setting, a special educational needs school and a dementia care home.

These opportunities have given me a wealth of different experiences and I now feel as though the area I would most like to work in the future would be dementia care. I hope to work in care homes, using music to connect people where language is no longer their means of communication.

I am grateful for the support of the bursary because it has enabled me to continue with the course. It can be challenging keeping up with the cost of living while unable to earn a full-time income due to studying for an MA, so I would like to personally thank The Music Therapy Charity for this opportunity.