

Rich Muscat Report (for MA Bursaries for trainees on Music therapy course)

The bursary I've received has made it possible for me to do this music therapy course, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity which has changed my life.

Some of the highlights from my course so far have been from the different placements I have been on. The first of which I was working with a child with autism and ADHD, the second working with groups in a forensic psychiatric setting, and currently at established charity working with children who have been adopted and their families.

These placements have offered me hands on experience, and I feel very lucky to work with such talented and dedicated people.

All the lecturers have been fantastic, open, and knowledgeable. A wide range of subjects in the music therapy field have been covered allowing us to get a glimpse of different areas in the field and potentially sparking interest for future work.

Although I am remaining open and curious as to which field I would like to work in, I am very interested in forensics and can see myself pursuing a career down that road. I'm also interested in music therapy with refugees and the support it can give them, this is essence of my research project which I have begun and I'm enjoying the process immensely.

Another huge highlight has been meeting the wonderful cohort on the course, their support encouragement, and humour has lifted me and help me through any difficult times.

The bursary from the MTC has helped me develop the skills and knowledge required to be a music therapist. I'm unsure of which path I will take once I have graduated, however I am looking forward to applying for jobs and beginning my career as a music therapist.