

Electric Umbrella

There's No Such Thing as Normal...



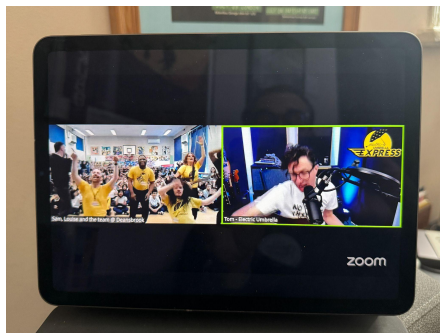
Who are we and what do we do - Mel Boda (CEO)

- We believe in the power of music to unite people and create a more inclusive society.
- Through amazing workshops, show-stopping performances and releasing incredible original material, we empower learning disabled people, of all abilities, fostering confidence, skills, and leadership potential.



Our work with schools - Claire Boulter (Head of Education)

- Everything we do is co-led by our professional and learning disabled musicians; blending artistic excellence and lived inclusion
- By engaging with us, schools explore EDI in a joyful, creative way
- Our message helps children to understand and celebrate difference, stopping prejudice forming and inspiring good citizenship



The importance of joy...

- Dave Whitaker (Director of Learning for the Wellspring Academy Trust) - The Kindness Principle and Unconditional Positive Regard.
- Framing all school learning and community development through joy, belonging and connection.

“Resilience Theory (Masten, 2001) underscores joy’s role as a protective factor against adversity. Resilience is conceptualised as the capacity to adapt positively to stress and challenges, and cultivating joy serves as a key driver of this capacity by **fostering hope, optimism, personal growth and perseverance**. (Frederickson, 2001; Seligman & Csikszentmihalyi, 2000; Sindbaek Andersen & Ortnér, 2019)”

What makes us unique?

- Original music is at the heart of all our work.
- Not only are the songs catchy and engaging for children, the message behind each of them helps to foster a culture of kindness and equity within schools.



How do we work with schools?

LOCAL OFFER

- In person performances and workshops in Mainstream Primary and SEND schools (including Little Brollies for EYFS)
- **EDI Awareness Days** for Secondary Schools
- Free project opportunities like "Shine a Light" - collaborating with Electric Umbrella musicians and other schools in your area.
- **Free resources and sessions** through our online accounts

Our National offering...

- Our [Electric Umbrella Academy](#) - a **free** online creative classroom for mainstream primary and SEND schools across the UK. Championing creativity, kindness and equity
 - Access to vibrant, **interactive online assemblies**
 - **Music resources** for our original songs (lyrics, backing tracks, Makaton videos)
 - **Citizenship/ PSHE resources** and **creative challenges** that explore the message behind the music
 - **Electric Umbrella Accreditation** to celebrate your school's journey with us

Music Machine Broadcast

- Our weekly, free online interactive broadcast for SEND learners across the UK
- Different themes every week
- **Connection, creativity and joy guaranteed!**
- **1:30 - 2:15pm** on term time Wednesdays, via Zoom



Create a [free online account](#) with us to access all of our school specific sessions and resources.

The impact of our work - Simon Putman

- Changing attitudes
- Helping to bring the school together
- Sparking conversations through lived experiences
- Joyful and uplifting for staff and children
- Impacts the way we all think about teaching, learning and the school environment in general



How do we get involved?

- Find out more and create a free online account at <https://electricumbrella.org.uk/for-schools/>
- Email any queries to schools@electricumbrella.org.uk

Electric Umbrella: Where Music Unites People and Creates a More Inclusive Society



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