

Emergents Programme 2027

Support for Disabled people
who are creating music.



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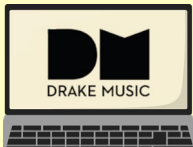
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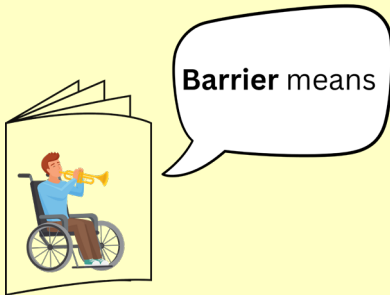


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About this guide



This Easy Read guide tells you about the 2027 **Emergents programme**.



Some hard words are in **bold**. We tell you what they mean.

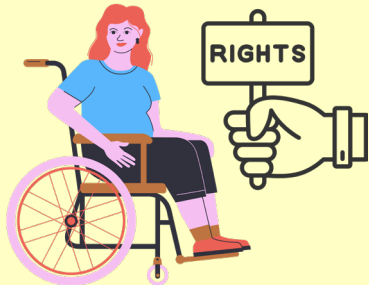


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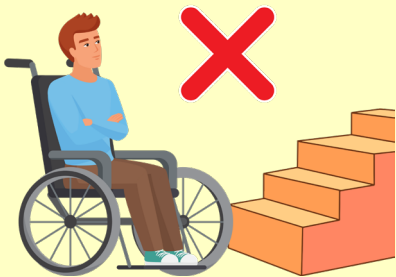


The next page tells you what we mean by **Disabled**.

What we mean by Disabled



Disabled means someone faces **barriers** because the world is not made to include them.



A **barrier** is something that makes life harder for Disabled people. For example, steps are a barrier for people who use a wheelchair.



When we say Disabled, we include:

- anyone who faces these barriers



- anyone the law says is Disabled.

What is Emergents?



Emergents is a **bursary** programme run by Drake Music.



A **bursary** is money given to you that you do not have to pay back.



Emergent means something new that is getting started.



The **Emergents** programme gives money and other help to **Disabled music creators** who are getting started.



A **music creator** is anyone who makes their own **original** music.



Original means new music you have made yourself.



A **music creator** can be

- a DJ
- a singer
- someone who plays an instrument



- or anyone else who creates music in any way.



This year we will give a bursary to 5 emergent music creators.



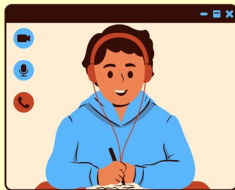
If we choose you, you will get:

£1000



- £1000 to help you work on your ideas and reach your music goals.

£500



- £500 to help you take part in our online development programme. We tell you about this on page 8.



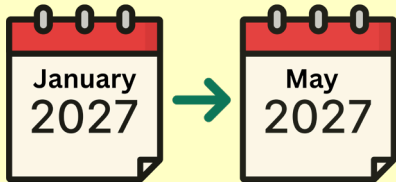
- A chance to show your music to important people who work in the music business.



This will be at a showcase event in October 2027.

It will be in-person and online.

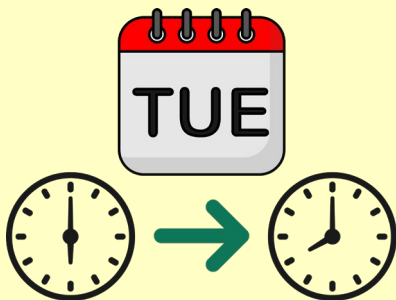
About the programme



The programme will run from January 2027 to May 2027.



There will be 2 online sessions every month.



Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm.



The sessions include:

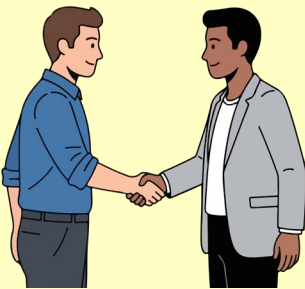
- 3 training sessions about the music business.



- 3 sessions to talk and share ideas



- 3 group sessions with an experienced music creator



- 1 networking session with other music creators and staff from Drake Music.



Networking means meeting people who do similar work as you.



It is about connecting with people to help each other and share ideas.

Who can apply?



You can apply if you create music and:

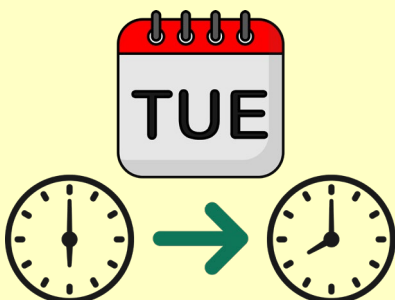
1. **Are Disabled**



2. Live in England



3. Are 18 years old or older



4. Can join the online sessions on Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm.

We want to hear from:



- Music creators who are just starting to work in music.



- Music creators who cannot make music the way they used to. So they are trying a new way or playing a new instrument.



- Music creators who want to share their music more.



- Music creators who do not know many people in the music business.



We really want to hear from:

- People who think the bursary and training would help them a lot to work in music.



- People who need help to carry on with their music.



- People from the **global majority**.
This means people who are Black, African, Asian, Brown, or from a mixed background.



- Women
- People with less money than most
- **LGBTQIA+** people

We say what this means on page 13.



We will give a bursary to at least 3 people from the global majority.



LGBTQIA+ means people who are:

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual



- Transgender



- Queer or Questioning their sexuality



- Intersex – this means people whose body is different from what people expect for boys or girls.



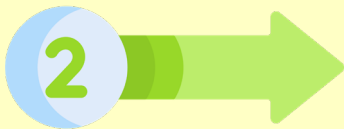
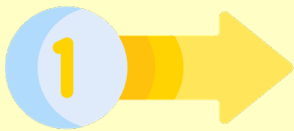
- Asexual – this means people who do not want sex with anyone.



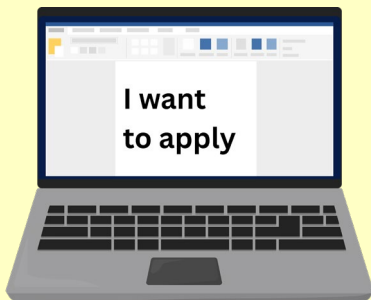
- The + symbol means anyone who does not fit into LGBTQIA.

It helps everyone feel included.

How to apply



There are 2 steps to apply for this programme.



Step 1

Send us an **Expression of Interest** form.



Expression of Interest means telling us you might want to apply.



You must send it to us by **Tuesday 4 August 2026.**



Step 2

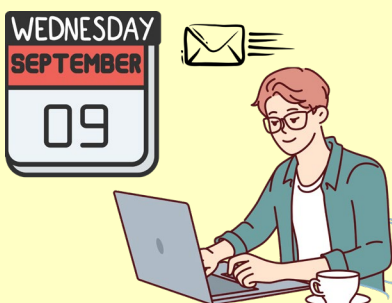
On **Thursday 6 August 2026**, we will email you:



- An application form
This will have questions you need to answer.



- A diversity monitoring form
This is a form that asks about you.
We keep this information private.



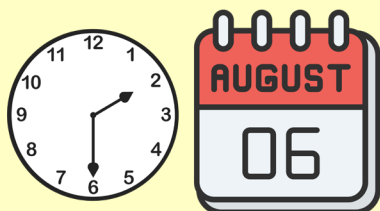
Fill in these 2 forms and send them to us by **Wednesday 9 September 2026**.



If you have any questions, you can email Deborah at info@drakemusic.org

Information session

THURSDAY



There will be an information session on Zoom at

- 2.30pm
- Thursday 6 August 2026



In the session we will tell you more about the programme.



And we will give you tips for filling in the application form.



You can

- Join the session live on **6 August**
- Watch the recording afterwards
- Or read a summary afterwards.

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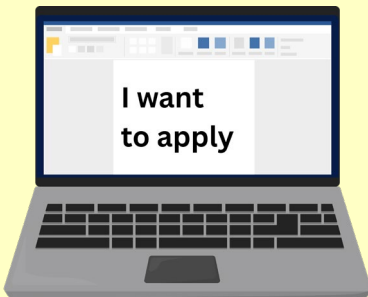


We want to make sure that everyone can take part at Drake Music.



You can send your application:

- As a Microsoft form



- In writing, like Word or PDF



- As a video



- As a sound or voice recording.



If you need help to apply, tell us in the Expression of Interest form or by email: info@drakemusic.org



We are happy to change the way we do things to help people apply.



If we give you a bursary, we will talk to you about any support you need to take part.



We have money to pay for any support you need to take part.



Tell us if you are worried about how a bursary will work with your benefits.

Who chooses who gets a bursary?



Geo Aghinea (they / them)

- Creative vocalist and sound designer
- Project Manager at DMLab London
- Took part in Emergents Programme.



Miss Jacqui (she / her)

- Poet, singer, songwriter, performer
- Works on Emergents programme
- Took part in Emergents Programme.



Vivienne Uchebuaku Isebor (she / her)

- Artist
- Singer, songwriter, poet
- Took part in Emergents Programme.



Ysabelle Wombwell (she / her)

- Recording artist
- Composer, music producer
- Resident Artist at Drake Music, 2023.

How to contact us



Contact us if you have any questions.

- Email us at info@drakemusic.org



- Phone us on **020 7739 5444**

You can leave a message but we only check messages once a week.



- Send us a message on Facebook

www.facebook.com/drakemusicorg



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