

Appendix 3 – Update on progress against 2024/25 Music Workplan

<u>Programme/Action</u>	<u>Status</u>
Delivery of the Output Conference, Ireland's biggest one-day music conference and live music showcase	Delivered in November 2024
Continuation of Gradam Ceoil bursaries	Launched in January 2025 and continuing to June 2025
Micro bursaries programme, available to individual musicians, to assist with costs incurred within their artform. Delivered in Collaboration with Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival	Launched in December 2024. 18 musicians/bands received awards of £1,000 in January 2025.
Educator Pathway Programme for music educators and talent developers, a free, professional development programme that will cover music career pathways, industry trends, music rights and fanbase-building.	Two day conference hosted in January 2025
A partnership with the Music Venue Trust to host a day for NI music venues to network, develop skills and receive support, alongside gathering local statistics needed to build a report detailing regional needs for venue survival.	Completed in March 2025, research ongoing
Launch of Safe Home Campaign with Equity NI, including the creation of an online video resource, hard copy Safe Home posters for Belfast venues outlining their commitment to the principles and a website listing of those who have signed up across the city, including additional advice for venues.	Launched in March 2025
Launch of Crescendo Project with the Ulster Orchestra, a bursary scheme providing tuition and instruments which the school and/or pupils cannot access otherwise.	Delivered from September 24 to May 2025 with over 30 young people in deprived areas supported with access to instruments and tuition. This scheme will be continued in 2025/26

Belfast Music marketing channels	Supplier appointed August 2024
Delivery of the Sounds Atypical grant programme, a new funding programme supporting d/Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent music creators across the city	Completed in March 2025 supporting six artists and collectives
NI Music Prize Review	Completed in December 2024
The NI Music Prize	Delivered in November 2024
City of Music Industry sessions – series of free information sessions for the local music community	Delivery of 6 sessions across 2024/25
Fit to March programme, a pilot initiative providing physical and mental health support to marching bands	Delivery from April 2025 to September 2025
Creation of a digital music support service in collaboration with Music Connections	Continued throughout 24/25
Programme to develop the production skills of women, female-identifying and non-binary music creators in a safe and trusted studio environment.	Partnerships with Analogue Catalogue Studios, Start Together Studio and Dream Factory Studios with 30 individuals supported
Health and Wellbeing sessions for musicians and the industry	2 programmes delivered by February 2025
Music Industry Sustainability toolkit with tangible recommendations and measures for implementation in partnership with Native Events	Partnership with Native Events launched November 2024. Toolkit to be launched on Music Matters Website September 2025
Music Matters Internship Programme – Supporting 4 paid internships across the music industry	Supplier appointed in August 2024, programme launch in September 2024 and Four internships awarded in December 2024.
Support for international exchanges with other UNESCO Cities of Music.	Exchanges held with Hannover, Germany, Brno, Czech Republic, and Kansas, USA.