

Lothian MSP sings praises of Edinburgh based music school



Alison Johnstone, Green MSP for Lothian has been singing the praises of Drake Music Scotland after the Niddrie-based charity won a top award.

Ms Johnstone, education spokesperson for the Scottish Greens, lodged a motion in the Scottish Parliament congratulating the organisation's users, volunteers and staff on winning Best Special Educational Needs Resource at the Music Teacher Awards for Excellence.

She said: "Drake Music provides great opportunities for people with disabilities, and I'm delighted to see their specialist teaching methods being recognised. Participation in music is an important part of child development and wellbeing.

"Music tuition for pupils with additional support needs can be patchy, so I hope this award highlights the good work being done and encourages local authorities and government agencies to build a stronger network of music education services."