

# Community grant gives people with disabilities chance to learn to play and perform music



Young people who will benefit from the support. Picture by Anne Binckebank

People with disabilities in Edinburgh will get access to new opportunities to learn to play, perform and record music thanks to a grant of £5,000 from Castle Rock Edinvar's Community Grant Fund.

The grant will support Drake Music Scotland's Musicspace programme which provides group and one-to-one tuition sessions for 50 disabled adults and children in fully-equipped and accessible music studios in Craigmillar.

Thursa Sanderson, Drake Music Scotland chief executive, said: "Getting the chance to learn to play music and show others what you can do will make a big difference to our participants' confidence levels, communications skills and ability to lead a more independent life."

Heather Macnaughton, head of community investment at Castle Rock Edinvar, added: "Drake Music Scotland has been located in SPACE, our accommodation for social enterprise and charities in the heart of Craigmillar, since it was developed and brings a much valued and innovative service to this area."