## Community Project awarded £11,696 Children's Lottery Grant

Fischy Music awarded a £11,696 grant from the Scottish Children's Lottery.

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Fischy Music, a community project based in Edinburgh, uses music and song to support the emotional well-being of young children across the UK. The charity works with thousands of children every year, from those dealing with the challenges of everyday life to smaller groups of children who face significant emotional challenges and trauma, such as loss and grief.

The grant from the Scottish Children's Lottery will fund the charity's 'Feeling Good in Pilton and Muirhouse' project, which aims to improve mental health and well-being of children and families in the two areas and develop a community focus through song writing, music making, singing and digital composing.

Stephen Fischbacher, Creative Director at Fischy Music, said: "The grant from the Scottish Children's Lottery is going to make a significant contribution to our 'Feeling Good in Pilton and Muirhouse' project as it will enable us to both provide much needed musical resources to children in the area and offer more direct work with the children we are working with.

"We are also delighted that we are going to be able to document the project on video, which will increase its reach. Thank you Scottish Children's Lottery!" The Scottish Children's Lottery was launched in October 2016 to raise money for children in Scotland, with proceeds helping to improve the lives of children right across the country and make a real difference to those who need it most.

Kirsteen Campbell is trustee of Chance to Connect which operates as a society lottery under the Scottish Children's Lottery. Chance to Connect supports projects working in the areas of community development and citizenship, giving young people across Scotland the chance to live in a safe, supportive and stimulating community.

She said: "Chance to Connect believes in helping young people in Scotland to develop into citizens who positively contribute to their communities. By supporting Fischy Music we hope to give young people across Scotland the chance to be an active part of their community and to cultivate a real sense of belonging.

"I am delighted that we are able to provide funding for Fischy Music from the monies generated from the Scottish Children's Lottery which was established in order to promote and support the development and potential of children and young people in Scotland. Thank you to those who play the Scottish Children's Lottery; you are helping to support the great work that our charities undertake."