

Understand
rhythm, beat,
time signatures
and much
more

Try the digi-pipe
and hear the
bagpipe as
never before

Events
tailored
to group
ability

Learn to
read music in
10 minutes

Develop
better unison
in bands and
groups

Compose and
hear a new tune
using notation
and editing
software

Create a new
marching
formation
display

Tie any
PACK in to
an existing
project

PIPING ARTS leading music educator Robert Aitken presents

music without bars

learning without limits

*'An innovative and fun approach for
everyone to learn more about music'*

See how easy it really is in [Music Without Bars](#) & [Learning Without Limits](#)





Redefining music for everyone

Born and bred in Sutherland, Robert Aitken grew up with music in the blood from an early age. From being a founding member of the Sutherland Schools Pipe Band to being a World Champion with the Grampian Police Pipe Band, Robert has traversed the globe sharing Scotland's national music and representing his Country.

Seeing other countries using their traditional arts showed Robert a path to highlight the splendour of our own cultural resources and led Robert to setting up the 'North East of Scotland Piping Arts Programme' (NESPAP). Robert is also Arts Director, Aberdeenshire Youth Pipes & Drums (AYPD), Music Director, Fulda Military Tattoo and accredited examiner for the newly approved PDQB/SQA Piping examinations.

*Drawing from these real-life experiences Robert saw that not every person gets access to music tuition or can afford the rising instrument and lesson costs. Why should this be a barrier to enjoying and learning more about music? **Music Without Bars** was born out of a vision to open up the understanding of music to children and adults of any age and any ability without the necessity of learning an instrument.*

***Music Without Bars** now offers tailored workshops to schools and organisations across the country - from primary children to adult workshops and young musicians to established groups and bands. **Music Without Bars** has also been designed to help schools embrace Curriculum markers and assist organisations in meeting learning targets in this innovative and fun approach to music.*

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Robert Aitken
Founder, Music Without Bars

MWB SCHOOL & YOUTH PACKS

Music Without Bars, the innovative approach for every child to learn more about music, now offers dedicated School & Youth Packs. Each Pack has been specifically designed to embrace Curriculum markers by:

✓ *Engaging school topics*

✓ *Giving children tools for life*

✓ *Linking schools to communities*

✓ *Delivering curriculum outcomes*

And much, much more



Music is the universal language of mankind
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



MWB SCHOOL & YOUTH PACKS

Embracing curriculum markers

✓ Engaging national school topics including:

- Language and culture
- Heritage and local studies
- Creativity through music and art making
- Building communities

✓ Giving every school child tools for life including:

- Sense of place and Scottish identity
- Confidence and achievement building
- Concept of creativity through music and arts
- Health and happiness through active lives

✓ Linking schools to communities including:

- Creating performance and music for local celebrations
- Music themed around local industries (fishing, farming, oil etc.)
- Links to current topics and project work such as the Jacobites and creative projects etc.

✓ Delivering curriculum outcomes including:

- Music making and composing with 'Expressive Arts'
- 'Health and Wellbeing' through active sessions in all MWB School & Youth Packs
- Enhanced delivery in other curriculum areas by pupil, teacher and visiting specialist music making activities

*Its language is a language which
the soul alone understands*
Arnold Bennett



MWB SCHOOL & YOUTH PACK 1: MARCHING BEATS

This active workshop explores musical rhythm and beat through movement and marching exercises in game based sessions. The day concludes with an energetic formation display to a mix of music and tempos.

Typical day format:

- Rhythm and beat session
- *Morning break*
- Marching, formation and devise routine session
- *Lunch*
- Routine rehearsal session
- Share/performance

PACK includes: DVD of learning and share session

Enterprise Bolt-Ons:

- Music recording and editing for schools projects
- Creating DVD/CD artwork
- Longer block sessions available to allow for an enhanced experience
- Extra rehearsal sessions available for school/community concerts

CFE note for teachers

This pack offers Curriculum For Excellence markers in:
Confident individuals & Effective Contributors



The sessions were brilliant. All the groups, but especially the Lifeshapers, got so much out of it. It is all they have spoken about today

Aberdeen Foyer



MWB SCHOOL & YOUTH PACK 2: NOTES IN TUNE

This music-composing workshop guides groups through the arrangement of a new school tune with various music building sessions. This day concludes with the pupils presenting how they devised their tune and the finished piece played by computer software.

Typical day format:

- 'Music is blocks' session
- *Morning break*
- Creating new blocks session
- *Lunch*
- Arranging blocks for new tune session
- Share/presentation of new tune

PACK includes: DVD of learning and share session topic and CD of composed tune

Enterprise Bolt-Ons:

- Music recording and editing for schools projects
- Creating DVD/CD artwork
- Longer block sessions available to allow for an enhanced experience
- Extra rehearsal sessions available for school/community concerts

CFE note for teachers

This pack offers Curriculum For Excellence markers in:
Successful learners & Effective Contributors



*Great to have a fun way of learning
music theory. Very enjoyable.*

Feis Spey & Trad In the Park



MWB SCHOOL & YOUTH PACK 3: PIPING ROADSHOW

Hear and listen to the magical music, stories, history and musical journey from a Piper in Highland dress. Groups also learn about the clans, Scottish identity, culture and language. All primary class sessions conclude with participants performing the must-see stag dance!

Typical day format:

- Nursery – fairy pipe tales and music
- *Morning break*
- Lower primary – Piping Roadshow with stag dance
- *Lunch*
- Upper primary – Piping Roadshow with stag dance

PACK includes: DVD of learning and share session topic

Schools enterprise Bolt-Ons:

- Music recording and editing for schools projects
- Creating DVD/CD artwork
- Longer block sessions available allow for an enhanced experience

CFE note for teachers

This pack offers Curriculum For Excellence markers in:
Responsible Citizens



*I really loved what I learned about the
bagpipe and Scottish music*
Aberdeenshire Pupil



MWB SCHOOL & YOUTH PACK COSTS

Clear day costs for funded events without hidden extras:

To help you plan your schedule and make a quick decision we are offering an all-inclusive guide day price of £295 for each PACK taken in the North East of Scotland.

- **Day fee includes all travel, materials, expenses and a DVD of each share session**

**Day cost is slightly less for Aberdeen City*

**For regions further afield agreed travel and associated fees may apply*

Savings in blocks and multiple deals:

For all regions, but especially those further afield, we suggest either a block session or multiple school arrangement to help save on overall booking costs.

- **Book 3 day PACKS or more and get 1 FREE**

**To be taken within a single school term to apply*

- **3 different schools or more make a booking - each school gets a £50 discount**

**Requires bookings on subsequent days to apply*

Remember any PACK can be in longer block sessions and can tie in to a current project

Partnership opportunities:

Should you wish to book a longer block or a more detailed group of sessions you may wish to seek funding. We can supply you with all the information you need for the application as your delivery partner. Your local Arts Development and/or Youth Music Initiative regional member of staff may also be of help.

Bolt Ons:

Many schools and organisations like to tie new events to existing projects. Bolt Ons such as CD/DVD artwork, longer detailed sessions and music recording and editing can all be tailored to suit current themes and be booked as a new day PACK.

Music is everybody's possession

John Lennon