



Music for Life

Music for Life is a development project for regional participatory concert production and audience co-operation, carried out between 2011 and 2013. Its aim is to develop the use of arts and music as a tool for social welfare and to promote the co-operation between Universities of Applied Sciences, municipalities and third sector organizations. Music for Life pilots a service model in which the third sector acts as a concert producer, and local municipalities as clients and subscribers. In this model the Universities of Applied Sciences will offer the education needed for musicians and producers.

Music for Life consists of local subprojects in which music students produce and lead participatory concerts and workshops. They are guided by professionals from various fields of arts. The content of the subprojects derives from local emphases, strengths and needs.

The main result of Music for Life is a material bank that includes pedagogical guidebooks. These books give the guidelines for the municipalities as well as the producers and educators of participatory concerts and workshops. Music for Life is a joint project by the Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, the Concert Centre, the Universities of Applied Sciences of Lahti, Oulu and Central Ostrobothnia, and the cities of Kokkola and Vantaa. The project is funded by the European Social Fund (ESF).