

Dear Friend

### **Southend Mencap's Music Man Project**

Over the last year, I have been looking to secure funding for a new project I would dearly love to launch here at Southend Mencap...The Music Man. Unfortunately, due to the funding cuts that were announced back in October 2010, all grant giving organisations have had to tighten their belts and this has meant that despite the project meeting all their requirements, none of the funders have been willing to commit any funds to the project. This has been solely due to them choosing other projects that have a national exposure whereas we only support the south east of Essex.

Despite this disappointing news, I still firmly believe the project has a big future but it would need to be self sufficient, meaning all income generated from the weekly fees will have to be sufficient to cover the project's annual budget.

This would be a completely unique service for the learning disabled as it will ensure the project is run totally in line with their individual needs and interests to ensure attendances remain at the required self sufficiency providing level.

The attached flyer outlines the project in more detail. To understand the need and demand for this, please can you provide me with your view on it by the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012. This reply by date is important to be followed as if the demand is sufficient to warrant the project, then I will need the next few months to get everything set up and ready for a September start.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me on (01702) 341250 if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours Sincerely,

Marc McOwens  
General Manager



**Southend Mencap presents...**

**The Music Man with David Stanley**

Day provision music sessions, provided by David Stanley, for adults with any form of learning disability.

Learn about all forms of music including:

- Singing and song writing
- Keyboard performance
- Composing
- The rudiments of drumming
- Musical expression and understanding
- Preparation for concerts and events
- Musical theatre production
- Music Technology



Sessions will run from 10am to 3.30pm through the academic calendar (40 weeks of the year) - students would need to bring their own lunches

Four separate venues each week on a set day e.g.

Mondays - Rochford venue

Tuesdays - Southend venue

Thursdays - Leigh venue

Fridays - Castle Point venue

Students not restricted to attending just one venue per week

Carers would be welcome to stay but especially where health and/or medication requirements dictate.

Cost per session will be **£25 per student per day**

Reply Slip - reply by date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Name: ..... Tel Number:.....

Yes I would be like to attend the Music Man project

Return slip to one of Southend Mencap's clubs or to the society

direct OR you can call **Marc on (01702) 341250** with your

reply or email him on **marc.mcowens@southendmencap.co.uk**