

FUNDING FOR IOW YOUNG CREATIVES: PREVIOUS AWARDEE



**ALFIE
ROLLINSON
MUSICIAN
2025 AWARDEE**

Alfie Rollinson was one of our 2025 award recipients, who used his £500 funding for drumming lessons at Stingray Recording Studios to develop his practice before starting university in September 2025 where he's studying for a BMus in Music Performance. These lessons have also helped him to also work towards taking his Grade 8 exam soon and support his original songs performed with cover band Geezer at Warrior Festival 2025.

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What did you use your £500 funding for, and why?

"I have been having drum lessons since January with Rupert Brown. I have had 16 lessons in total up till September, either once a week or every other week. I wanted to develop my practice before I started university in September, where I am studying for an BMus Music Performance. When I was doing my BTEC at Platform One I did have some drum tuition but it was with a degree student rather than an experience teacher so this grant has given me the opportunity to have more advanced lessons with an experienced teacher working in the industry."

What was the end result after all of the award was used?

"My intention was to work towards the Grade 8 exam to take either later this year or early next year. I am now starting my degree course much more confident in my ability than I was previously."

What did you learn and achieve from this experience?

“I feel like I have been able to focus on the technical aspects of my playing in my lessons with Rupert and this has improved as a result. I also practiced certain tasks in between lessons. Rupert has also been a help to me with decisions I needed to make about university choices, so it's been great to have this opportunity to help me with my future in the industry and have a professional to talk to during this time. The lessons have also broadened my outlook towards drumming, and I have learned new styles such as Latin, African and Jazz and new rhythms which I didn't know about before.”



Alfie performing with Anatomy at Strings, 2025.

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