

Running for Gold

(Olympic Song for Cambridgeshire)

This music was written, performed and recorded by 'Team Awesome', participants on the third 'Music for Life' course during the summer 2008.

Music for Life courses have offered young unemployed people the chance to learn about what it's really like to work in the music industry. There were two courses to choose from: Music Practitioner which aims to develop music making and recording skills, and Festival Production which gives an overview of how a festival is put together.

The studio course was designed to give participants the opportunity to work in a professional studio with experienced producers and tutors with the aim of demystifying the studio process and to introduce participants to working professionally as musicians, sound engineers and producers. The course was based on other courses that have been run before but angled towards vocational outcomes and also explored further/higher educational pathways.

One of the aims of the course was: To open the door to further opportunities either in music or through signposting to other training or work opportunities

Three participants have gone on to work at other events. Ten participants are currently actively seeking courses that they can join. Of these ten, at least five have since been accepted onto further or higher education courses. Most of these would not have investigated joining a formal music orientated course before participating in 'Music for Life'.

The courses received funding through the County Council's Adult Learning Development Fund, which comes from the Learning and Skills Council.