

### **What is Get it Loud in Libraries?**

Get It Loud In Libraries (GILIL) is an exciting and innovative project for young people which has been running in Lancashire Libraries since 2004. Live music gigs are regularly held in its libraries, outside opening hours, and attract some of the best pop talent in the country. GILIL has an excellent reputation in the UK music industry, allowing Lancashire to book international and award winning artists to play in its libraries, most recently Mercury Music prize winner Speech Debelle.

### **What are GILIL's aims?**

The aim of the project is to bring young people (and in many instances other non-users) into libraries and to promote libraries as vibrant and relevant cultural venues by using contemporary music as a way of promoting creativity and literacy in young people.

### **What has GILIL achieved so far?**

Since 2004 there have been 73 GILIL events in total - in 2008/09 more than 3000 visitors attended the 21 events held. GILIL has received a great deal of interest from library services around the country and internationally from America and Canada.

<sup>1</sup>GILIL has also attracted large amounts of media interest from a number of sources including NME, The Sunday Times<sup>2</sup> and BBC TV and radio<sup>3</sup>.

### **Who benefits from GILIL?**

GILIL is a unique opportunity for public libraries to develop innovative volunteer and cultural activities for young people, whilst developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills in library staff and to highlight the role of libraries as exciting cultural venues.

### **How is GILIL organised?**

The events are organised by Stewart Parsons and Lancashire library staff. The project also has a team of 22 youth volunteers who help organise the events and gain valuable experience in marketing, front of house and media relations.

### **What role does the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) play?**

MLA has funded the development of the GILIL toolkit for the MLA website and is committed to supporting the development of new GILIL projects across England.

### **What are the future plans for GILIL?**

MLA is currently working with Lancashire Libraries to develop a range of resources (including staff training and event management) to ensure that new GILIL projects in libraries across England reach the same standards as those established by Lancashire. MLA believes that successful Get it Loud in Libraries projects could enable library services to meet a number of key policy objectives which support young people and local government.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/support/toolkits/Get\\_It\\_Loud/Outcomes](http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/support/toolkits/Get_It_Loud/Outcomes)

<sup>2</sup> [http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/music/article6902850.ece](http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/music/article6902850.ece)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/arts/openbook/openbook\\_20070211.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/arts/openbook/openbook_20070211.shtml)