

Here are some examples of our recent and continuing Project work at both National and Local Level

NATIONAL ACTIVITY:



TMSA Event Calendar – we have attached the 2024 version as we did not achieve the resources and capacity to produce the 2025 edition in print form. We are working on the 2026 version for our anniversary year as we have changed the timing of the publication to better match distribution opportunities as well as have time to gather more financial resources to publish it. www.tmsa.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Digital-Event-Calendar-2024.pdf



TMSA Young Trad Tour –

Each year before Covid we gathered the winners and finalists of the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Music of the Year Competition and took them out to their hometowns and other locations – such as the Houses of Parliament/Cecil Sharp House in London, Lorient Interceltique Festival in France and a concert in Celtic Connections Festival in Glasgow.

Since the disruption of the pandemic, we have managed to reinstate the Celtic Connections concert (the photo is of members of the 2023 & 2024 groups preparing for the Celtic

concert) but are still rebuilding up to the tour aspect of the project. The position of Executive Officer will greatly help in this rebuilding.

The link below is to the workshop videos on the TMSA Channel on You Tube. These were to replace workshops which normally would have been held in person for participants and in conjunction with the Tour performances around Scotland. There are also videos of the performance recorded during the first year of Covid from the last project in progress when Covid delayed the project's continuation.

Click on the link to go through to the workshop from Ross Miller, piper:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN_ZhGlo_TE&list=PLWuYm2Yb4oZg0ExnyJ-gYuBOWaG_DjuEY

And on the right side of the screen **the other 6 links should appear** to give an idea of the kind of content the workshops on Tour would provide along with school visits - working with and inspiring young people to take part at all levels of trad and folk music!

LOCAL BRANCH ACTIVITY:

TMSA Aberdeen Branch – www.facebook.com/AberdeenTMSA runs a variety of events and activities throughout the year including a **regular monthly session**, presenting '**Trad Time Wi' TMSA**' a programme on Keith Community Radio (KCR FM), concerts featuring **Doric Scots** in the autumn, a **competitions day** in Spring, unaccompanied singing in the '**World's Room**' and **partnership work with SC&T Youth**. This video highlights from the TMSA Aberdeen Branch's collaboration around a Young Performers concert with Scottish Culture and Traditions - SC&T Youth at Newton Dee in 2023.

<https://www.facebook.com/scatyouth/videos/771217444575780>

Kirriemuir Festival is the continuation (via Kinross) of the festival held first in Blairgowrie which sparked the creation of the TMSA in 1966. The event is run by the TMSA Angus Branch in September each year – details can found at www.facebook.com/kirriemuirfestival or www.kirriefest.com



Northern Streams Festival 2025 - Leaflet showing artists and programme including opportunities to participate in this festival celebrating Nordic & Scottish Music, Song & Dance - run by the TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch.
Attached

The image to the left is of **The Muckle Sing 2025** – an annual participative large singing event encouraging people to sing together tutored by top singers such as Joss Cameron in the foreground whose heritage links her to the Traveller family – the Stewarts of Blair - and a

Pirate Queen! This event is also run by the TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch – www.eltmsa.org.uk or www.northernstreams.org

Keith Festival is held in June each year by Keith Branch. It is an example of one of the longest running festivals run by a TMSA Branch with lots of opportunities to participate throughout the weekend - <https://www.keithfestival.com/>



Glasgow TMSA Branch run two of our newest events - **Oban International Shanty Festival** in June – <http://obanshanty.org.uk/> along with a companion **Shanty Day in Glasgow** in October – <https://glasgowshanty.weebly.com/>. The Glasgow event takes place on the Tall Ship The Glenlee and around the Riverside Museum – where the ship is moored and features visiting and local groups (such as Govanhill Voices pictured on the left). Both festivals were set up before Covid and have many opportunities for people of all ages to participate in this resurgent area of trad/folk song and music.

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