



Barnsley
Youth
Choir

For the voices of the young people of Barnsley

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to ask you to support an amazing group of young people.

Barnsley Youth Choir is seeking to take 140 of our members aged between 10-24 years of age to represent Barnsley and Yorkshire in the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August 2018 and we need support from local people, businesses and organisations to make this possible.

1 in 4 children in Barnsley live in poverty – it's a depressing statistic. BYC seeks to redress that imbalance and provide all of its members with amazing opportunities whatever their personal circumstances. All of our children are working so hard to raise money but desperately need your help! They have already done cake sales, bag packing and also taken part in a 14 hour, through the night, non-stop sponsored Singathon where they raised £17,000! They aren't asking for hand-outs – they just need some help along the way.

Barnsley Youth Choir is a registered charity and voluntary organisation that supports an amazing team of children who live in an area of rich and proud heritage but significant deprivation. We provide outstanding opportunities for over 350 young people to access world class training, give exceptional performances in this country and abroad, empower young people and strengthen connections throughout the local community; irrespective of a child's background or financial status. Barnsley Youth Choir has become a flagship ensemble that represents the town on a local, national and international stage. It is now ranked 4th in the World Rankings and is the highest ranked GB choir in the world.

I have enclosed some information about the choir and also information about a number of exciting opportunities that enable individuals and organisations to support these special young people. Please be reassured that any money raised will have a huge impact on young people in Barnsley their families and their communities and, as a voluntary organisation, you can be assured that every penny raised will go directly to them. This is a life-changing opportunity and will do so much to raise their self-esteem and aspirations.

I would be incredibly grateful if you would read this information and get involved in some way. Any support you can offer could make a huge difference to them and we will seek to recognise your support in a variety of ways.

Thank you in advance for any support you are able to offer.

Best wishes

Mat Wright
Musical Director
Barnsley Youth Choir