



## **I'm In a Band - What Can WMF Do For Me?**

Can you give us funding to support us?

The way that WMF works means that we direct support music businesses in Wales rather than musicians and bands directly. There are so many musicians in Wales that it is impossible to target them all individually. Instead, we believe if we can help Welsh music companies - the venues, record labels, managers, studios etc - these companies will become more sustainable and be able to support and develop artists for years to come.

However, if there are any specific issues or information on the music industry you want, we'll do our best to help or point you in the direction of organisations that are better placed to help bands.

We're not a funding body either but these following articles may be able to give you some more ideas on how to support your band.

[Music Money Map](#)

[Working to support your band](#)

[Applying for grants](#)

[Prince's Trust](#)

[Work as a session musician](#)

There are ways we can help you and your band though. On our website is an online [directory](#) of music businesses in Wales with over 1200 listings that can be searched (a hard copy is also produced each year too). I'm afraid that we do not include individual artist or bands on the site, but will be a useful resource to you - say if you want to get gigs in Wales, this lists the venues and contact details as well as promoters and festivals across Wales. Or if you want to find a recording studio or rehearsal space in your area, you can check the listings.

We also produce Sound Nation - a free 'trade' magazine for the music industry in Wales. If you would like to subscribe you just need to go to the [Sound Nation website](#) and you should get next month's copy. It features news and advice on the music industry as well as case studies on different music businesses in Wales. It often has offers that you may be interested in, such as the PRS-F award for new music ([www.prsfoundation.co.uk](http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk)) and issues that bands should be aware of. It's completely free too. You can have a look at the website, search the archive for past articles and exchange views on the forum at [www.soundnation.net](http://www.soundnation.net).

We also hold frequent seminars that would not normally be held in Wales with topics including eCommerce, publishing, international trade and free legal surgeries with a top music industry solicitor. These are open to anyone involved in a music business in Wales and some of the may be helpful to you if you treat your band as a SME. If you would like to receive details of further events, just let me know and look out for them in Sound Nation.

There are many organisations that can help you as a band though. Here are a few:

- **Community Music Wales** work throughout the Wales and also incorporate a record label - Complete Control Music. They also organise tours for bands across Wales. Check the website to find out who is your local advisor - [www.communitymusicwales.org.uk](http://www.communitymusicwales.org.uk).
- **Musicians' Union** is an organisation that represents musicians throughout the UK. By becoming a member you gain access to free legal advice and public liability insurance - something that some venues may ask you for. They also run courses for musicians to learn more about the industry and their rights as a performer. The representative for Wales is Paul Gray. You can find out how to contact the MU and their service here - [www.musicansunion.org.uk](http://www.musicansunion.org.uk)
- **ProMo Cymru** are a Social Enterprise Agency that runs various music projects and training sessions on the music industry. More info - [www.promo-cymru.org](http://www.promo-cymru.org)
- **PYNCI** is aimed at young people in Wales who are looking for a career in the music industry. They operate in Objective 1 Areas of Wales (i.e. not in Cardiff, Wrexham, Flintshire, Powys, Monmouthshire, Vale of Glamorgan, Newport) More info on what services they offer here - [www.pyncci.tv](http://www.pyncci.tv)
- **Bemuso** is a useful site that answers a lot of questions on how the music industry works and how to go about releasing music as an independent - [www.bemuso.com](http://www.bemuso.com)
- You can also use resources such as the music section on the BBC - Where I Live website. Here you can leave details of your band and find out more about resources in your area - [www.bbc.co.uk/whereilive/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/whereilive/)
- Cultural Enterprise can provide support to musicians and hold regular workshops around Wales for musicians and artists - [www.cultural-enterprise.com](http://www.cultural-enterprise.com)

We hope this helps as a starting point. If you have any specific questions on the music industry or want to go about getting involved in your own music business and want some information, please feel free to contact us directly – [enquiries@welshmusicfoundaion.com](mailto:enquiries@welshmusicfoundaion.com)