

WEEK 2: MUSIC**ACTIVITY 2.4****TRANSCRIPT**

RICHARD: Music is at the heart of British culture and is used as a way of reaching out to young people and disadvantaged groups.

This is Southampton on the South Coast. Now, a shopping centre is the last place I'd expect to find music talent. But inside, there's a music project that is making a big difference to kids' lives.

Soco may be a small team but they are making a big difference. Known as the Hub, it's a space perfect for creating music for all ages. Here musicians take to the stage, record balcony sessions for up and coming bands, and have workshops in many creative activities.

Matt Salvage runs the project.

QUESTION A

MATT: Well, it's a space where people can come and get involved in music. We work with lots of different groups of people who can engage with music making and arts.

QUESTION B

MATT: We do all sorts of stuff here whether it's an opportunity for people to write music, get involved in a project that we've got running, or people can do recording or performance.

QUESTION C

MATT: We get a real mixture of people coming here. The project was set up really to help disadvantaged groups so we work with young people, we work with homeless people, people with drug problems, older people, we run a mental health music group, and it's really just people who wouldn't be able to otherwise access projects like this.

QUESTION D

MATT: I think it's really making a difference. Just by having this space here and allowing people to come and get involved in something that's creative, something that they can be passionate about, it gives them a really positive focus.

RICHARD: That's great, Matt. Can I have a go?

MATT: Yeah, go for it!

RICHARD: What an amazing musical journey I've had. And who knows? Maybe someone out there will notice my talent...