

# THE AWARDS 2020

## Widening Participation or Outreach Initiative of the Year

<b>Institution name</b>	Royal Northern College of Music
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	RNCM Engage
<b>Nominee/key personnel</b>	
<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<p>RNCM Engage is the College's Widening Participation and Outreach programme, delivering outstanding engagement activities throughout the North West.</p> <p>An all-inclusive initiative, it uses innovative projects to make music accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds. From first contact events to targeted interventions, it is unique in the sector.</p> <p>In 2018-19 Engage was reshaped to create more focused progression pathways for underrepresented groups, especially those from low-income families, areas of low participation and BAME groups. This helped us respond to national priorities in Music Education, remove barriers to access for talented young musicians, and bring together students and professional partners to create a new city-wide programme.</p> <p>In total, 227 projects reached 150,440 young people across all 10 Greater Manchester boroughs and 62,429 people from wider community groups. It also included 14,021 hours of training for RNCM students, improving graduate employability and helping us develop the music leaders of the future.</p>