

Working with the orchestra is a joy. The young people have such a positive attitude and are really receptive to new ideas. They have improved so much in the last year, the team of Turkish tutors have been working hard with them and I am made to feel very welcome by them when I join for the courses.

The real gem of the organisation though is the incredibly enthusiastic team of volunteers who make it all happen. I, my fellow tutors and the children are extremely lucky to have such a supportive group making sure everything works.

This orchestra, I think has a bright future. Constantly striving to improve creates an energy that connects us all together. I'm sure this project will continue to grow, improve and inspire many more children from the islands and maybe beyond.

The only possible downside is that I have now developed a probably lifelong addiction to Turkish coffee!

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