



## **The Traditional Arts Partnership (TAP)**

The Traditional Arts Partnership (TAP) is a community based Charity which was formed in 2011.

TAP has 140 + children and adults enrolled in the classes which are based in Mullaghbawn. TAP encourages every young musician to regard themselves as a teacher, a mentor and exemplar for their peers and their community. A key component of the tuition is the Grupa Cheoil classes. Here young musicians work and play together as a team on a wide variety of instruments, learning and playing intricate arrangements on tunes - and developing their individual and collective social confidence.

TAP is very keen to foster and to promote social and community development through the medium of happy music-making. TAP encourages and gives the young musicians the opportunity to perform at a wide range of community, cross-community, national and international events. TAP now has children from nine Primary and eight post-Primary schools from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds. TAP annually has up to 100 young musicians taking part in local Feisanna and Fleadh Cheoil.

TAP has established a strong link with musicians from a predominantly protestant community and our Ceol Band (comprising musicians and singers from TAP & Markethill). This band performed at the Remembering Edward Bunting Festival last year to honour the great Irish music collector Edward Bunting (1773 – 1843). In April of this year 4 of our adult tutors travelled to Minnesota to perform at the Irish Festival in St Paul.

Over the last 10 years, TAP musicians and dancers have performed with Titanic Drums from its inception in 2012 when they played with John Anderson's "Dare to dream" Ulster Orchestra in the Waterfront Hall.

TAP annually play at a multitude of community, civic & corporate events locally