



10
YEARS OF

NATIONAL
YOUTH
FOLK
ENSEMBLE

Cohort 10
2025/6



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BEN
guitar
London



ELLA
cello
South East



DONALD
fiddle
South West



SAUL
recorders
London



SILAS
cello
South East



HARRY
nyckleharpa
South West



STAN
concertina
South West



MATTHEW
guitar
Yorkshire



AMÉLIE
fiddle
South West



ELOISE
clarsach
North East



ARLO
flute
London



FLORENCE
fiddle
Yorkshire



EMILY
bassoon
South West



FINN
flute
London



LEO
accordion
North West



ISABELLE
fiddle
East Midlands



SHAYLA
fiddle
North West



FREYA
piano
South West



KITTY
fiddle
South East



LUCY
concertina
Yorkshire



EVA
fiddle
South West

National Youth Folk Ensemble 2025-26



The National Youth Folk Ensemble brings together talented young folk musicians from across England to create their own contemporary takes on traditional music from Britain and beyond. With young musicians at the heart of the programme, the Ensemble aims to nurture their talents, aspirations, and creativity, enabling them to develop into the folk performers, educators, and leaders of the future. Over the year the Ensemble has been working with Artistic Director Jo Freya and many other leading folk-artist educators.

Our vision is young people throughout England discovering, playing, and loving folk music; from earliest grassroots activity in schools and community settings on to lifelong engagement with folk music – as participants and professionals. Our Engagement programme works with music hubs, schools, and arts and youth organisations to encourage and support this.

efdss.org/youthfolk

The Ensemble was created and is run by the English Folk Dance and Song Society (*Reg. Charity no. 305999*). We champion folk dance and music at the heart of England's rich and diverse cultural landscape. We deliver learning and participation, artist development, historical research, and training and resources for educators – at our Cecil Sharp House HQ in London, across the country and online.

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