

Unit 7

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Radio presenter Last week, we travelled to Nairobi, Kenya for our amazing 'Music Speaks' competition. Today, we're speaking to one of the volunteers, Malik, to talk about how music is helping people. Malik, welcome to the show.

Malik Thanks!

Radio presenter You've been involved with the 'Music Speaks' project since 2012 and you've seen a lot of positive change. Through your work for the organization you've been able to help people follow their ambitions to become successful musicians, but can you tell us a bit about why you joined the project?

Malik I wanted to support young people in getting an education and finding a better job. Music is important because it can inspire people and give them hope. Many of the young people here have a lot of talent, but they aren't confident about their abilities. The competition uses music to create new opportunities.

Radio presenter What was the moment when you decided you wanted to help other people?

Malik I knew I wanted to make a difference when I saw the problems young people in my country were having. I knew that if I didn't try to make a change, these problems would never end. I want to use our music in a campaign for change in our country. I want to teach other young people that there are more options. Our message is to stay in school, be patient, get good qualifications and follow your dreams. The training in the studio has made us better singers and better people. I hope our story will persuade other teenagers to be brave and work towards a better life.

Radio presenter Thanks, Malik. That all sounds fantastic. Good luck with the project.