

Catherine Upfold, MRF award-holder '15, is writing a piece for the Alumni Collective. She says:

*I started playing violin at age 9, and began to want to write music pretty much as soon as I could read it! During my teens I was lucky enough to be involved with several Hampshire Music Service ensembles and award schemes, and it is through this that I was taught by Martin Read (2010-2012) and later Pande Shahov (2012-2014).*

*Subsequently, I was fortunate enough to be one of the first cohort of MRF supported composers back in 2015.*

*Since then, I completed an MChem at the University of Bath and now work in industry as a Chemist. Music remains very close to my heart. I continue to enjoy composing during my spare time and I aspire to carry on learning and developing my music.*

*Every year I'm delighted to see another cohort of young composers benefitting from the valuable support that the foundation provides!*