

What is NPO Agora Music Club?

Agora Music Club is an NPO (non-profit organization) group which supports music activities of people with disabilities to enhance their physical performance and communication skills.

Our aim is not only to support people with disabilities but also to train leaders and volunteers for music activities and to coordinate music recreation. In addition, we aim to study the effects of music in collaboration with academic research institutions. The results of these studies will then be applied to practical activities for people with disabilities, so that physical and communication skills may be improved and a higher quality of life (QOL) can be realized.

"Agora" is a Greek word that means a "marketplace" located in the center of a city-state of ancient Greece. There, many people gathered to shop, to make speeches or to perform on the street. Agora was also a place where many people could form relationships with each other.

In April 1988 we built a music salon and opened "Space Agora." We wanted many people to gather at this Space, play music and form relationships with each other.



In 1995 we assembled a Japanese-drum team called "Agora Daiko," of which all members had intellectual disabilities.



In 2002 we established the "Agora Music Club" to provide music activities for people with intellectual disabilities and who were not only members of Agora Daiko but also members of piano, marimba and dance courses.



In 2012 we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our "Agora Music Club." On this occasion we decided to revitalize our Club and to set up an incorporated NPO (non-profit organization).

We intend to continue to expand our activities and contribute to the welfare and the education of people with disabilities.

