

Music Hubs: Lead schools for music



Easy read booklet

What this booklet is about



We are **Arts Council England**. We support creativity and culture in the UK.

We manage **Music Education Hubs**. These are groups of organisations that teach young people to play music.

Organisations have been invited to apply for a new **Music Hub Programme**, which starts in **September 2024**.



This booklet tells you about the **Lead Schools for Music**.

The **Lead School** will work as a partner with the new **Music Hub**.



You don't need to know which **Lead Schools** you will work with when you apply to lead a Hub.

But you will have to tell us how you plan to work with the **Lead School** if your application goes ahead.



This booklet will tell you more about this.

What Lead Schools will do



The **Hub Lead Organisation** or **HLO** for short must invite schools to join the **Music Hub** as a **Lead School**.

You will have to choose one **primary school** and one **secondary school** for each area your Hub works in.



If a **Lead School** is an academy then the Trust that runs the academy has to take part in the Hub's work.

The [National Plan for Music Education](#) or **NPME** for short says that **Lead Schools** and **Music Hubs** must work together. This helps children and young people to learn music.



Lead Schools should

- ✓ help other schools in the area to make music teaching better
- ✓ look for new and better ways for teachers to support each other and work together
- ✓ help Hubs to understand what schools need and work better with them



Choosing Lead Schools



You don't need to know which **Lead Schools** you will work with when you apply to lead a Hub.

You will need to tell us how you plan to choose your **Lead Schools**.

Lead Schools should be the best in the area for music teaching. They should show other schools what good teaching and music looks like.



Lead Schools should have

- great music lessons
- singing and band activities
- young people who can study music and take music exams
- a culture that includes everyone
- teachers who get the music training they need



To choose your Lead Schools, you might ask to see

- reports
- tests and exam results
- how the schools have supported music in the past



What you need to tell us

If you apply to lead a Music Hub, we will ask you to show us



- what you understand schools need in your area
- how you will choose **Lead Schools** for music in your area
- your plans for what **Lead Schools** will do in your area
- how you will support your **Lead Schools** to do this job, including whether you will pay them to do it
- how you will check that **Lead Schools** are doing well – this is called **monitoring**

You will also need to explain how you would change your **Lead Schools** if things changed. This could be because



- what young people or schools in your area need has changed
- things have changed at the school

