

Music Hubs: Activities in the Programme



Easy read booklet

What this booklet is about



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



We manage **Music 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**.



Music Hubs need to do different kinds of work

- in schools, including music lessons for young people
- outside of schools, so young people can learn music in other places
- help for teachers to learn how they can give good music lessons
- work that makes sure children and young people can get musical instruments



Music Hubs in schools



Schools need to make a **School Music Development Plan** or **SMDP** for short. Music Hubs need to support them with this.

Music Hubs will organise lessons for school classes using musical instruments. These lessons should be planned well and will mostly be for children in primary school.



They will support schools so all of their other music lessons are good too.

Music Hubs will also help children to play music in school but outside of their main class. This could mean helping them to learn a musical instrument or be in a choir or band.



Music Hubs should tell schools, children and young people about other music they can do like joining bigger choirs and bands.

They can give advice if children need extra money to do music.



They will also help children and young people understand the jobs they can do with music.

Music Hubs outside school



Music Hubs will run music activities at the weekend and at other times before school and after school. Activity will also happen in the holidays.

The music activities will be about what people want and need in the area.

This might be



- learning a musical instrument or to sing
- being in a choir or another group
- online and live music
- activities for very young children
- activities for young disabled people.



Music hubs should give young people, parents and carers information so they can learn music.

Information might be about

- ✓ ways to connect with music activities in other places
- ✓ finding places to make music
- ✓ how to get a music job and meet people who work in music
- ✓ finding money to help do music



Music Hubs working with teachers



Music Hubs will help teachers, artists and people who work with children and young people to learn more about how to get better at teaching music.

We call this **CPD** training.

CPD should be for teachers working in schools and outside of schools.



For teachers in schools, it should include

- ways for music teachers to meet each other and talk about what they do
- courses for music teachers
- training that helps teachers work with very young children and disabled young people



For teachers or other people working with children outside school on music, the training should be about what people in the area need.



Music Hubs should help people to do training.

Getting access to musical instruments



Music hubs can help children and young people get instruments.

If a young person wants to borrow an instrument, a **Music Hub** should help them do it for not much money.

When they lend instruments, **Music Hubs** should make sure they have

- instruments that are working well
- different kinds of instruments
- groups of instruments so classes can learn them together in school
- good instruments that work well
- digital equipment
- instruments that work well for disabled people
- different or better instruments for people who want to get better at playing music



Music Hubs must help children who are looked after so they can get musical instruments for no money.

The **Hub Lead Organisation** should work with schools to help with this.