

THE NORTH-WEST MIDLANDS MUSIC EDUCATION HUB

Newsletter, Information and Updates



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Welcome & Introductions

Welcome from our Chairman

Welcome to your Music Hub Newsletter.

The Hub aspires to be the first port of call for all your support in music education. This newsletter gives a flavour of the rich menu of activities and services offered by North West Midlands Music Education Hub partners. Activities range from classroom teaching offered by highly skilled, experienced and well-managed music services, through specialist groups and ensembles via individual teaching to large scale regional ensembles. The Hub gives you access to some of the country's leading musicians. Last year nearly 600 schools and settings in Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent and Telford & Wrekin benefited from their engagement with the Hub. Some 20,000 children and young people were involved each week in high quality music making.

By engaging with the Hub, you are able to benefit from your share of nearly £2m of public funding which comes to our region from the Department for Education via Arts Council England for music education. Through your interactions with Hub staff you are able to help set the music agenda for the future.

We wish all teachers and students an inspirational year of music education.

Andrew Worrall

Independent Chair, North West Midlands Music Education Hub

Welcome from John Callister – Head of Service, Entrust Music Service Staffordshire

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the latest edition of the North-West Midlands Music Education Hub newsletter. I hope that the articles, training opportunities and events available, either to join in or to attend, will enhance the musical offer within your school in this academic year. We look forward to seeing you at some of these events throughout the coming year. The Hub remains focused on providing quality, opportunity and growing inclusion in the North West Midlands through partnership working. I'm pleased to say that through our projects and support we reached 87% of schools in the region and in the infographic below, I have summarised some of our key delivery figures for 2018/19.

We recognise that these ambitious targets can't be achieved without the fantastic annual support we receive from schools and families who also have a clear commitment to music education. At this point I would like to say thank you on behalf of the partnership for continuing to work with us, particularly through the challenging budgetary and, often narrow, curriculum climate. For now, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well for 2018/19 and hope the opportunities contained within will be of benefit to your school or setting over the coming year. As always please feel free to contact me, or any member of the partnership, for support with music in school.

Best wishes,

John Callister

Head of Service, Entrust Music Service Staffordshire

Email: john.callister@entrust-ed.co.uk



Partnership Music Events

2018/19

Staffordshire Music Events

2018

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Participants
05/12/2018	Voices Together Christmas Big Sing	1.30pm	Victoria Hall	Voices Together Local Schools
05/12/2018	Festival of Christmas Music	7.00pm	Victoria Hall	NMC Wind Band, Voices Together Local Schools, Staffordshire Bass
12/12/2018	Festival of Christmas Music	7.00pm	County Showground	SYOC, Stafford Music Centre, Voices Together Staffordshire Brass
14/12/2018	Festival of Christmas Music	7.30pm	Lichfield Cathedral	SYOE, SYJO, Voices Together Local School Choirs
20/12/2018	Hark The Herald- Carols at St Marys	7.00pm	St Marys Stafford	Ovation, Voices Together, Staffordshire Brass

2019

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Participants
10/01/2019	First Rehearsal Hub Orchestra	6.00pm	Riverway	Students- all instruments Grade 4 and above - Application forms available
27/01/2019	First rehearsal County Chorus	2.00pm	Riverway	Singers aged 12 to adults - 5 Sunday rehearsals
09/02/2019	FOSYM Young Singer Competition	10.00am	Riverway	Singers aged 12 to 18 Application forms available
09/02/2019	Staffs Young Junior Musician	10.00am	Riverway	Ages 8 - 13 Application forms available
09/02/2019	Staffordshire Young Musician	1.00pm	Riverway	Ages 13 plus Application forms available
06/03/2019	Voices Together Songbirds Big Sing	10.00am	Victoria Hall	KS1 groups from schools
06/03/2019	Voices Together Workshop	1.00pm	Victoria Hall	KS2 /3 classes or choirs from schools
12/03/2019	Voices Together Songbirds	10.00am	Prince of Wales, Cannock	KS1 groups from schools
12/03/2019	Voices Together Workshop	1.00pm	Prince of Wales, Cannock	KS2 /3 classes or choirs from schools
15/03/2019	Rotary Stafford	7.00pm	Weston Road School	Various Instrumental Groups and Choirs from Schools
23/03/2019	Voices Together County Chorus	1.30/7.30pm	Lichfield Cathedral	A Night at the Opera. KS2 /3/4 Choirs from Schools
30/03/2019	Music For Youth	10.30am	Coton Centre Tamworth	Ensembles from around the region
07/04/2019	Brass Festival	10.00am	Riverway	Rehearsal until 3pm Concert 3-4pm
07/04/2019	ABCD Day for Choir leaders	10.00am	Riverway	Association of British Choral Directors Hub Partner
12/05/2019	FOSYM Young Singer Final	3.00pm	Riverway	Finalists
17/05/2019	Jazz Festival	7.00pm	Showground	School and service jazz and big bands
17/06/2019	Voices Together Songbirds	10.00am	Stafford Showground	KS1 groups from schools
24/06/2019	Voices Together Songbirds Big Sing	10.00am	Burton Town Hall	KS1 groups from schools
26/06/2019	Voices Together Big Sing	1.00pm	County Showground	KS2/3 classes or choirs from schools

Summer 2019

Come and play with the Hallé Orchestra

Victoria Hall, Hanley - 2 concerts taking place on 12th June 2019

An opportunity for all schools involved in whole class music making sessions (WCET / K2M) to play alongside the famous Hallé Orchestra at the Victoria Hall in Hanley.

To book your place/find out more email: musicservices@entrust-ed.co.uk For ticket information please call 0333 300 1900

Music Summit 2019

Keele University - Friday 21st June 2019 09:30am - 16:00pm

Don't miss out on a stimulating, informative networking day! All music leads/those delivering music at schools from across the hub are invited to attend.

To book your place/find out more email: musicservices@entrust-ed.co.uk

K2M Concerts

Across Staffordshire - June and July 2019

A K2M concert is a valuable occasion for pupils to share their music making skills with their peers. Concerts take place at various venues across the county.

To book your place/find out more email: musicservices@entrust-ed.co.uk

End of Year Proms 2019

Victoria Hall, Hanley - 16th July 2019, 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Come and join a fabulous end of school year 'last night of the proms' concert with our Music Education Hub Orchestra and Massed Choirs. Bring your class or year group to hear and see a huge orchestra of Young Musicians and Teachers from our region.

To book your place/find out more email: musicservices@entrust-ed.co.uk For ticket information please call 0333 300 1900

Stoke-on-Trent Music Events

City Music Service
The Bridge Centre, Birches Head Road,
Birches Head Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DD
Tel: 01782 233796
Email: citymusicservice@stoke.gov.uk



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CPD	All sessions at The Bridge Centre, Stoke-on-Trent. ST2 8DD and are Free to attend	To book a place please email Lorraine.Stevenson@stoke.gov.uk
17 October 2018 12 February 2019 15 May 2019	Early Years "Soundpots" Music Network Meetings	4:00-5:15pm
18 October 2018 5 February 2019	Primary Music Network Meetings	4:15-5:30pm

Concerts and Events

26 November 2018	City Music Service Ensembles in Concert	The Mitchell Arts Centre - 6:30pm
3 December 2018	Primary School Choirs alongside Training Choir and City Youth Choir	Victoria Hall, Hanley - 6:45pm
10, 11 and 12 December 2018	City Songbirds in concert alongside City Music Service Ensembles	Victoria Hall, Hanley - 6:45pm



Originally inspired by Venezuela's El Sistema, In Harmony Stoke uses orchestral music making to improve the health, education and aspirations of young people in Stoke-on-Trent. In Harmony Stoke-on-Trent is delivered by City Music Service and is starting its third academic year working at Thistley Hough Academy.

Currently they are the only secondary school in the country involved in the programme. This year the project is bigger than ever as it is now working over three different year groups. Every pupil in Year 7 and 8 is learning a string, brass or woodwind instrument and there are 4 orchestras in each year group. This year a new Year 9 In Harmony option has been designed for pupils to continue their musical learning as part of their option choices. Over 450 students and staff are learning across the school. The programme is funded by Arts Council England and the Department of Education and is partnered with a project in Telford based at Old Park Primary school.

The last year has seen a number of exciting partnerships including workshops with Shrewsbury Folk Festival and a careers talk 'Music in the Workplace' led by members of University Hospital North Midlands Orchestra.

For more information on the project please contact: Caroline Hollingshurst, In Harmony Co-ordinator, caroline.hollingshurst@stoke.gov.uk
Telephone: 07989 587873



Recorder Festival 2019

Take part in the 2019 Recorder Festival!

Weds 27th & Thurs 28th March 2019 - 12:30pm
Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

Aims:

- Inspire and raise standards for young recorder players
- Develop pupils' performance skills
- Give pupils experience of performing at a prestigious venue
- Encourage membership of recorder ensembles

Find out more

For more information or to request a booking form, please contact
Lorraine.stevenson@stoke.gov.uk



Telford Sings!

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March 2019

Workshops for KS1/KS2/KS3 and an opportunity to perform on stage.

Telford & Wrekin Music will again be working with Music Share to bring Telford Sings back to Oakengates Theatre in 2019.



All schools across Telford and Wrekin are invited to register to take part in this exciting **FREE** singing event with a firm emphasis on fun and participation.



The project aims to inspire and develop singing in Telford schools as part of the Hub Singing Strategy and also to showcase our existing choirs.



The project includes pre visits workshops in schools, all resources – music and backings to learn in advance and a teacher CPD session. Parents can attend the concerts.

Music Share is a singing outreach programme co-ordinated in partnership by Lichfield Cathedral School and Lichfield Cathedral with significant funding from the North-West Midlands Education Hub via Arts' Council England.

This programme has already worked with hundreds of schools and is led by experienced vocal amateurs including Cathy Lamb, Director of Music Outreach at Lichfield Cathedral School, who is well known in her field for her energy and enthusiasm in inspiring children and young people to sing.

Register your group...

Contact Tracy Hall, tracy.hall@telford.gov.uk for more details or to register your group

Programme

19th March 2019 - 10:00-11:30am (9:45am arrival)
KS1 Classes Singing Workshop

19th March 2019 - 6:00-07:00pm (2:15pm arrival)
Primary Choirs Workshop and Concert

20th March 2019 - 10:00-11:30am (9:45am arrival)
KS2 Classes Singing Workshop

20th March 2019 - 6:00-07:00pm (4:00pm arrival)
Secondary Choirs Workshop and Concert



Join the Big Sing!

BIG SING will give your children the opportunity to sing together with hundreds of other children from schools across Staffordshire - let's raise the roof of the Victoria Hall and fill it with song!

Led by experienced singing leaders, there will be a firm emphasis on fun and participation. On registering, schools will receive an e-music pack with four songs to learn in advance, other songs and activities will be taught on the day itself and these resources will be provided after the event.

This year we will be running 3 different events; please note that all previous events have been fully booked so early booking is advisable.



Wednesday 5th December – Voices Together Christmas Songbirds Big Sing!

Participating schools will need to provide their own transport to and from the hall, arriving for 1:15pm, with singing starting at 1.30pm. The event will end at 2:45pm.

Thursday 6th March 2019 – Voices Together Songbirds Big Sing! Thursday 27th June 2019 – Voices Together Songbirds Big Sing!

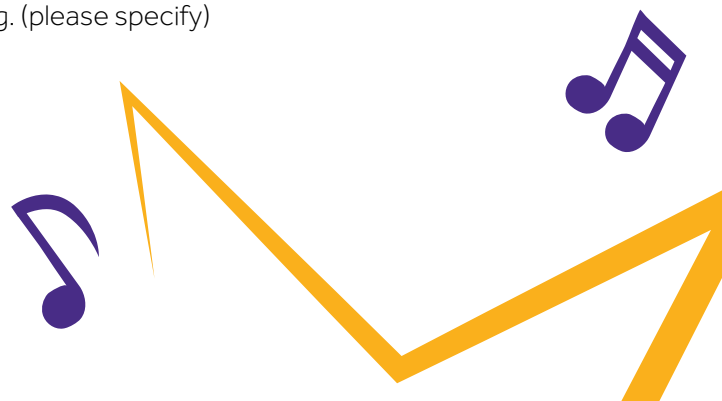
Participating schools for these two events will need to provide their own transport to and from the hall, arriving for 10am, with singing starting at 10.15am. The event will end at 11.30am and your children will be able to return to school for lunch.

The BIG SING! is not a concert, but any parents or family members who would like to come along and watch the workshop (or join in!) will be able to purchase tickets, priced £3 each.

A booking form will be sent to schools. To register your interest for the Voices Together Songbirds BIG SING! please send an email to Caroline Hollingshurst caroline.hollingshurst@entrust-music.co.uk with the following information:

- School name
- Preferred Big Sing Event date
- Approximate number of Year 1, 2 or 3 children attending. (please specify)
- Number of school staff attending.
- Any additional needs e.g. wheelchair access/spaces

We hope that you and your children will be excited to join in the BIG SING. In the meantime, if you would like any support or advice in developing singing in your school then please do get in touch: musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk





Focus on our 'Excellence in Music Provision Awards'

The Hub has supported schools for the last three years by offering a self-assessment 'Music Audit Tool'. This enables schools to measure the level of musical engagement within the school and to fully utilise the opportunities provided by the Hub.

We are pleased to report that almost 250 schools have achieved an award at some point on the scale between Copper and Platinum, with many revisiting their award level to recognise improvement through this time. This is a significant achievement and further demonstrates the commitment many of you make to providing an outstanding offer for young people in your schools.

After three years of running this support programme, we are relaunching the new and updated Audit and Award criteria which captures the learning and feedback received from the support visits completed to date. All awards that are 'in date' from the previous criteria will of course still stand.

Previously, awards have been made for the current academic year only, so we are aware that many schools will be due a re-audit or would like to progress to the next level. We will now be making awards for a two-year period to give a firm and achievable timescale for re-audits and we hope that many of you who have not had a visit for two years will now do so during the year ahead.



Hub Project Updates, News and Opportunities to Work with Us!

Furthering Talent News: August 2018

The North-West Midlands Music Education Hub continues to work in partnership with Awards for Young Musicians (AYM) on Furthering Talent, a programme for students who have been identified as having emerging potential and who need support with their musical progression.

AYM has been working with music students across the region since 2013 and Furthering Talent is proving a real success. Each child has their own Individual Learning Plan (ILP) to help support their musical learning goals. An extra-curricular programme of musical opportunities is also a key part of Furthering Talent, and young people also receive additional support for their musical progression, according to their own individual needs. This includes collective opportunities for the young people via Music Days and Get Together events.

Get Together focusing on performance

Our most recent Get Together was held at The Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock on 21st June and saw a total of 12 students and their families attend. The Get Together began with students and teachers rehearsing a mass performance of the Ghostbusters theme before several student solo performances. Students were encouraged at the start of term to prepare a piece for the Get Together and these comprised of unaccompanied solo pieces and accompanied or duet pieces with teachers. There was a wide range of instruments played across the pieces.

Everyone then took part in a group conversation which focused on the benefits of being on the AYM Furthering Talent Project, with many students feeling that the programme gave them access to a creative art that they would not otherwise have. Parents expressed their appreciation of the programme and the fact that without the AYM support, they may not be able to meet the costs of music tuition for their children. There was also time to talk about what students would like to see at future Get Together events with some great ideas coming forward - we'll keep you posted! The day ended with a fantastic performance of the Ghostbusters theme tune by students and teachers.

Professional Development Opportunities

On Saturday 8th September 2018, AYM delivered the first of two Identifying Musical Talent and Potential Training sessions at Entrust in Stafford. These training sessions are for those who want to help others make a true assessment of who has potential in the classroom.

AYMs Identifying Talent and Potential has been delivered to over 1000 music leaders since 2008. The success of the course means they are looking for new facilitators to help spread the word even further. It's an opportunity to work with peers from a range of backgrounds: class teachers, instrumental teachers and other music leaders. The training will focus on practical instrument based music making that can be used to help spot musical potential in whole group settings. You'll learn by doing, so be prepared to explore the borders between music and noise!

By participating in this course you will:

- Find out strengths you don't know you have
- Have the chance to reflect on your own practice
- Learn to challenge your views and to challenge those of others
- Explore the differences between music leading and music teaching and how these differences can be seen in the light of identifying musical potential
- Earn some additional income (£150 to £300 for every session you lead in the future, depending on the length)

For more information please email:
neil.phillips@a-y-m.org.uk

Manchester Camerata



Music Making Workshops with Manchester Camerata

Manchester Camerata will once again be working with Stafford Primary Schools in a creative music project to write and perform a new set of songs.

Your School is invited to take part in these exciting music-making workshops and CPD sessions. Project includes:

- One Twilight Training Session for Teachers (Jan 2019)
- One half day song writing workshop for a KS2 Class (Jan/ Feb 2019)
- Schools performance at Stafford County Showground (Weds 13th Feb 2019)

Exact workshop dates and project topic TBC. Further details to be circulated in due course. Places are granted on a first come first served basis, so book early to secure your place.

For further information or to book your place please contact Helena Bull:
hbull@manchestercamerata.com | 0161 226 8696

Make Some NOISE



Book now for Beatbox Orchestra or iPad Orchestra at heavily subsidised prices. Thanks to support from the North-West Midlands Music Education Hub, you can have these 6 week projects in your school for a cost of only £300 (usually £1500). We bring everything needed to get started and work towards a common goal. If you are already working on a lesson topic, we can incorporate it into the lessons. Subsidies are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Beatbox Orchestra

Beatbox Orchestra focuses on beatboxing and vocalising alongside singing. By making music that young people choose to listen to, they instantly engage and want to make their voices heard. Beatbox Orchestra is suitable for all ages and abilities. It teaches teamwork, co-operation, builds confidence and proves that music is for everybody.

iPad Orchestra

iPad Orchestra allows children to learn to play a variety of virtual instruments in a group using a device they're probably already familiar with. Our team can get your class creating great music – as an ensemble – in as little as an hour. There are no barriers for children who might never have picked up a traditional instrument before as technology is at the heart of everyday life. iPad Orchestra is ideal to help young people appreciate that smartphones and tablets aren't just for browsing the internet – they're tools with almost endless creative opportunities.

To secure your booking, please email info@make-some-noise.com and ask for the application form. Alternatively, contact our Programme Development Officer, John Simmonds on 01785 278 454 and talk through any queries you might have.

Orchestra: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhR2eKtDjck>
or Live performance footage:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKTcuFyfwOA>



**Free Twilight Charanga Musical School
CPD & Training events for North-West
Midlands Music Education Hub Schools
and Partners in 2018-19**

Sept/Oct (tbc)	Advanced Charanga Musical School session - Telford - Telford & Wrekin
Spring/Summer (tbc)	Introduction to Charanga Musical School - Telford & Wrekin
Spring/Summer (tbc)	Introduction to Charanga Musical School - Staffordshire
Tues 05/02/2019	Introduction to Charanga Musical School - Stoke On Trent - Staffordshire
Tues 09/04/2019	Advanced Charanga Musical School Training - Stafford - Staffordshire
Tues 21/05/2019	Advanced Charanga Musical School Training - Stoke On Trent - Staffordshire

In response to feedback, we're updating Charanga for the new school year. The improvements for the Musical School Scheme, Freestyle library, Charanga Sing! and the additional features will be available in the new autumn term.

Find out more...

For more details & to book your place please contact Timothy Bond timothybond@charanga.com for Staffordshire & Stoke CPD & Training events Lesley Chapman lesleychapman@charanga.com for Telford & Wrekin CPD & Training





NEW in Musical School for 2018-2019



Improved Musical School Scheme

This year has seen big updates to the Scheme which are now complete. We're looking to fully bed-in this new Scheme over the coming year and gather your feedback. We hope you're enjoying the new song units as well as the brand new Reflect, Rewind, Replay units at the end of each year which are much more comprehensive than before. We'll be sending out a survey to get your thoughts next term, if you could spare a little time to help us.



Wider Musical School Updates

Outside of the Scheme, there are several new developments. We are adding more support for musical instruments generally. In particular, you'll see a lovely new set of courses for Recorder called 'Blown Away' written by Heather Ward and there will also be a Samba course which is the first in a series of materials for large-scale percussion. Later in the year we'll also be improving our Ukulele course. Singers will be supported with 25 great new songs in Charanga Sing! Elsewhere, we're continuing to add exciting new music teaching apps. The all new Rhythm Grid app will give you endless new possibilities for fun and games with rhythms and you'll see something similar for beat-making in the form of our new beats app.



Introducing YUMU - taking Charanga Music World to the next level

For teachers who like to use Music World, YUMU will offer a much improved experience for you and the children. YUMU will make it easier to share songs and activities with the children for them to use outside lessons. They will no longer need to navigate through the instrumental music worlds before getting to the things you've shared. The instrument worlds will still be available to use, if you wish to share any of them with the children.



New SEND CREATE projects

We're launching four brilliant new CREATE projects in the SEND section this summer which we've developed with Charanga's new SEND technology specialist Ben Sellers and the 'Brighter Future for SEND Music in Greater Essex' project. CREATE shows how to use iPads to compose, improvise and perform, and are designed to work across the whole SEND spectrum, from PMLD settings to PRUs.



Better support for offline Charanga usage

Changes in browser technology have meant it's been a troublesome year for anyone with a poor internet connection who likes to use Charanga offline. We're happy to say that our brand new desktop offline Lesson Viewer app will solve these problems. Working a bit like iTunes, this new Charanga technology will make it very simple to use Charanga resources offline on desktops and laptops for both Mac and PC.



New Charanga community support

Over 25,000 teachers now use Charanga programmes on a regular basis and we want to provide an easy way to share good practice and expertise across this vibrant community. In 2018-19, a new Charanga CPD and community section will provide you with an easy way to access help and to see how other teachers use our programmes. Our regional trainers will continue to be on hand to respond to requests for face-to-face help and support.

SSPA Events - Gotta Sing

Cannock Gotta Sing

Tuesday 20th November 2018
Tuesday 22nd October 2019
Tuesday 17th November 2020

Stafford Gotta Sing

Wednesday 27th February, 2019
Thursday 28th February 2019
Friday 1st March 2019

Stoke Gotta Sing

Monday 11th March 2019



We charge a small fee of £1.50 per participant which gives all groups access to professional photographs and video footage, a certificate for every child and also a seat in the audience when not performing.

Find out more

For more information or to register please email: hannahwoodford@staffordsport.co.uk or alternatively call 07802625958.

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Music for Youth
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