

Leicester/shire Early Years Music Champions & Network Musician Champion (Early Years) Application Information

The Spark Arts for Children is working with partners across Leicester and Leicestershire to develop champions for music in early years settings as part of a new network. This two-year project has been funded by Youth Music and local music partners.

We are looking for two musicians who will work with The Spark and our partners at Leicester City Council (Neighbourhood Services and Early Help).

The Music Champion project aims to:

- Develop music opportunity for all children by supporting musicians and early years practitioners (EYP) to become 'Music Champions' in early years settings.
- Develop a partnership between musicians and early years practitioners working together on equal footing.
- Develop and share learning and practice to a wider group through the new music champion network.

We are looking for the musician to join the project which will run October 21 – June 22

Criteria for selection:

- Highly skilled musician
- Experience and interest of working with early years (EY) children.
- Committed to working with staff working in EY settings/community venues.
- Desire to explore how to embed high quality musical learning supported by peer reflection and continued professional development opportunity
- Committed to becoming a *music champion* and working in Leicester/Leicestershire in EY settings.
- Experience of developing and delivering creative activities with children and parents
- Experience of working with children, enabling them to gain confidence to contribute and develop in language and communication activities.

The Brief:

- **We are specifically looking for a musician to work with local families and library/ nursery settings**
- They must commit to a bespoke CPD training programme alongside delivery in settings
- They will co design and co deliver explorative music led sessions in partnership with an Early Years practitioner.
- They must commit to an open and continuous process of reflection and planning in partnership with their EY practitioner and as part of a cohort of Music Champions
- They will co-host a sharing event in their setting for the wider network

Project fee: £5,000

The time commitment each term is

Autumn Term: 5 days to engage in bespoke CPD, Peer learning and delivery planning

Spring Term: 12 weeks of half day sessions- delivery in settings
7 days to engage in bespoke CPD, Peer learning and delivery planning

Summer Term: 2 days for Network events and a Symposium

The fee is inclusive of all travel and expenses.

Key Dates

Autumn Term

Thu 28 Oct 2021 Music Champions welcome session online 3.30-4.30pm

Spring Term

Delivery sessions in settings (one per week to be finalised with the setting and musician)

Weeks of 10/01, 17/01, 24/01, 31/01, 07/02

Weeks of 21/02, 28/02, 07/03, 14/03, 21/03, 28/03, 04/05

How to apply:

Please submit your expression of interest and CV via email to: jobs@thesparkarts.co.uk, marking your application : **Music Champion [Early Years]**

Your expression of interest should be around 500 words – you should share your relevant experience and your interest in this professional development and learning opportunity. You can also submit additional audio/video files or links about your work.

This contract will be subject to an enhanced DBS with Barred List check.

Submission deadline: 20 September 2021

Interviews expected: 4 October in person in Leicester

NB: we are also recruiting for a Music Leader for our Primary School/Community Project. If you are interested in applying for both roles, we are happy to accept one submission – please mark this clearly on your application.

For background information and details about The Spark Arts for Children please visit:

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