

Braunstone Beats Music Project

Music Leader – Application Information

We have an opportunity for a musician interested in supporting a residency in schools and working with partners to develop and lead a new youth music ensemble in Braunstone.

The Spark Arts for Children is working with Leicestershire Music Hub on an exciting residency project. It aims to deliver a world class performance opportunity and establish a world music ensemble for young people in Braunstone, creating routes for children to experience music making, composition and performance.

The project will be delivered in two phases. Phase one will be a music residency in three city schools with professional jazz musician Arun Ghosh, this will culminate in a live performance at The Spark Festival. Phase two will establish a new and sustainable world music ensemble, with and for the Braunstone Community. This is a one-year project, delivered in partnership with the Leicestershire Music Hub and funded by Youth Music and local partners.

Criteria for selection:

- Highly skilled musician with excellent interpersonal skills
- Committed to working with staff working in schools/community venues.
- Desire to explore how to successfully start and develop a community ensemble
- Experience of developing and delivering creative projects with primary aged children/families
- Experience of working with children, enabling them to gain confidence and knowledge to influence music practice in their school and community
- It is desirable that the candidate is a musician who has good skills in percussion and is based in Leicester or the surrounding areas.

The Brief:

- **We are specifically looking for a musician who is excited about the idea to develop a community ensemble, with a world music influence.**
- They must commit to supporting the lead musician during the residency in schools
- They will work with a group of young music champions to consult, promote and build the foundation for a sustainable community music group
- With support from partners, they will lead and deliver music focused sessions in the community, including basic administration connected to session delivery, to inspire children in a safe environment.
- They will work with Leicestershire Music Hub on coordinating a concert opportunity for the ensemble

Key Dates and Milestones

September – November 2021

- Attending school CPD sessions and taking part in planning sessions.
- Establishing young Music Champions from each school to develop, lead and establish the new community ensemble – including devising a new name for the ensemble

W/c 4 October & 11 October

- Supporting the lead musician with six in-school workshops

W/c 24 Jan & W/c 31 January

- Supporting the lead musician with the delivery of the in-school residency and open rehearsal

W/c 7 February

- Supporting the Lead musician and children with rehearsals and live performances as part of The Spark Festival 2022

March – August 2022

- Plan and deliver taster sessions across five schools and in the community to support recruitment for the ensemble.
- Devise and deliver ten ensemble sessions, responding to the needs and skills of the participants, leading up to a public performance alongside the Leicestershire Music Hub city wide percussion bands.
- Contribute to the project evaluation and future planning

Project fee: £4350 (all inclusive)

The fee will cover

- **Support of the in-school residency and performances, including briefing meetings and CPD Sessions** – 11 days @ £150 per day for the support/development role.
- **Delivery and planning of music sessions for the ensemble, including taster sessions, planning performances and evaluation** – 18 half day @ £150 per half day as a music leader.

How to apply:

Please submit your expression of interest and CV via email to: jobs@thesparkarts.co.uk marking your application as 'Music Leader'. Your expression of interest should be around 500 words – you should share your relevant experience and your interest in this professional development 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 5pm, 20 September 2021

Interviews expected to be online via Teams on 23 September

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

<https://thesparkarts.co.uk/>

<https://leicestershiremusic.org/>

All applications will be acknowledged by email.

NB: we are also recruiting for a Music Champion for our Early Years Project. If you are interested in applying for both, we are happy to accept one submission – please mark this clearly on your application.

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