

More Music

Early Years Training Programme Application Pack



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Introduction:

More Music is seeking two music leaders interested in developing their work in Early Years through a supported mentoring programme.

More Music is a community music and education charity based in the West End of Morecambe, in Lancashire. Through music and the creative arts, we build confidence, improve health and strengthen spirit in disadvantaged individuals and communities.

In partnership with Lancashire Music Hub and Youth Music, More Music are looking to recruit two music leaders to participate in a seven-month training programme to develop and hone their skills in leading music sessions with Early Years groups.

More Music has a long history of delivering programmes for the youngest children and their families/carers, and participants in this training programme will have the opportunity to be mentored by skilled Early Years music leaders Ben McCabe and Anni Tracy.



“A delightful show that allows little ones to freely express themselves”

-Raven Tales Audience Member

The Training Programme will include:



- The opportunity to shadow Ben McCabe and Anni Tracy as they lead music sessions with under 5s and their adults;
- Tailored training sessions to meet the specific needs of the music leaders recruited onto the programme;
- Opportunities to co-lead and to lead sessions with early years groups;
- Participation in Magic Islands of Music, an interactive immersive production for under 3s and their families/carers;
- Reflective practice, with opportunities for individual and team reflections throughout;
- Mentoring support from experienced music leaders.



Key Dates:

The programme will run from **January – July 2025**.

The successful music leaders will need to be available to be in Morecambe all day on:

- **Wednesday 19 February** – Creative Training Session
- **Thursday 20 February** – Magic Islands of Music – preparation day
- **Friday 21 February** – Magic Islands of Music – performance day
- **Saturday 22 February** – Magic Islands of Music – performance day

Alongside these dates, the music leaders will need to be available for some **Tuesday mornings** from January – July 2025. Most other dates can be flexible to work around the existing commitments of the recruited music leaders.



“She very much enjoyed it and you could see her confidence grow as the session went on”

- Clapping Song carer

Programme Information and Expected Outcomes:

The programme is intended to provide the opportunity to develop as a music leader, with a specific focus on working in the Early Years. The programme aims to support skills and development, specifically in the following aspects of music leading:

- Building a repertoire of creative interactive child led songs, games and activities
- Exploring working across the arts, to unlock children's individuality and expression
- Focussing on building parent and child bond through shared creative experiences
- Delivering sessions which support the development of speech and language skills
- Creating an environment which supports social interaction across all ages
- Providing activities that develop physical co-ordination



The programme will provide the selected music leaders with the chance to:

- Co-lead or lead sessions, with support and mentoring from experienced Early Years music leaders
- Discover new possibilities as a music leader through interactive performance with young children and their parents and carers
- Participate in outdoor musical play and improvisation with the Walking Down the Street Gamelan: a collection of beautiful sounding environmental instruments curated for younger ears.
- Develop skills in child-led music-making

Key Attributes:

We are looking for two music leaders who are passionate about working with 0-3s in creative music making and are:

- Open and playful
- Flexible and responsive
- Curious and collaborative
- Inclusive and equitable
- Keen to learn and to find fun



Music leaders need to be able to:

- Demonstrate their previous experience of making music, or facilitating others to make music
- Be confident singing whilst leading a group



A fee of up to **£1,680** is available for each Music Leader recruited onto the mentoring programme. Reasonable travel expenses are available as required.

The exact details of the programme are to be negotiated with the successful music leaders, but it is envisaged that the mentoring programme will involve:

- **2 x training days** (to include Wednesday 19 February)
- **3 x days working on Magic Islands of Music** (Thursday 20 February, Friday 21 February, Saturday 22 February)
- **Up to 12 x music making sessions** for children under 5 and their families/carers
- **3 x days of other sessions**, which could involve Walking Down the Street Gamelan sessions

“The whole thing is magical from start to finish, such a lot of effort is made to make a really unique, sensory experience”

- Magic Islands of Music Audience Member



Application Process:

More Music is committed to inclusive music making and arts activity for all and welcomes applications from those who reflect the diverse nature of our community, audiences and stakeholders. We encourage candidates from all backgrounds and from all sectors.

We will support your access requirements. If you are selected for interview, please let us know of any access support you may need.

Applicants will be required to apply in writing (no more than 2 sides of A4), or via video or audio submission (no more than 5 minutes) including a CV or biography and answering the following questions:

- Please describe your musical experience to date
- Why is it important for there to be a musical offer for under 5s?
- What would you consider including when planning musical activities for under 5s?

Successful applicants will be invited to a group interview. During the interview, applicants will be invited to lead a short activity to showcase their skills. Following this group session, each applicant will have a short interview with the panel.

“ A real sensory experience, such a lovely feel to it, really precious for families to experience together”

-Raven Tales Audience Member



Dates for Application:

- Closing date for applications is **10.00am on Monday 4 November**
- Applicants shortlisted for invitation to the group interview will be notified by **Friday 8 November**.
- Interviews will take place on **Monday 18 November** at More Music in Morecambe.

Contact:

Please email your completed applications to info@moremusic.org.uk.
If you would like to discuss the opportunity prior to submitting an application, please contact ben.mccabe@moremusic.org.uk



See the Team in Action:

If you would like to see the More Music Early Years team in action prior to submitting an application, you are welcome to attend:

- **Raven Tales on Friday 25 October, or Saturday 26 October.** If you would like to meet the team, you would be welcome to do so following the 4pm performance on Friday 25 October. Please contact ben.mccabe@moremusic.org.uk to reserve a space.
- **Walking Down the Street Gamelan from 12.00 – 4.30pm on Saturday 12 October** at Dallas Road Primary School, Lancaster as part of Lancaster Music Festival.

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