



DMEH Supported Partnership – Ensembles & Progression Application Notes

DMEH is seeking delivery proposals from organisations looking to support points 2 and 3 of the National Plan for Music Education:

- 2) Provide opportunities to play in ensembles and to perform from an early stage.
- 3) Ensure that clear progression routes are available and affordable to all young people.

DMEH is committed to supporting existing musical progression routes for young people in Devon, and to developing new initiatives. Therefore, we look forward to receiving applications from organisations who want to develop new music ensembles, as well as from existing groups. We use the term 'ensemble' and 'music centre' to describe organised and professionally led group music-making, beyond beginner level, that acts as a progression route for young musicians.

DMEH can provide a contribution towards the running costs of an ensemble/music centre/project. Funding is available from a budget agreed by the DMEH Board and awards for organisations will be decided after consideration of all applications, in view of DMEH strategic priorities and current gaps in group music making provision. This funding is aimed at extra-curricular and out-of-school music-making opportunities.

Period of Funding: **April 2018 – March 2019**

Deadline for receipt of applications: **Friday 2nd February 2018**

Projects will be notified of the outcome before the end of February. Members of the Babcock LDP Music Service team will be happy to talk to you about your application.

Please email completed applications to clair.mccoll@babcockinternational.com by 5pm on **Friday 2nd February 2018**.

Applications will only be accepted on the attached template - please get in contact if you have difficulties accessing the form or have any problems with the formatting. There is an indicative maximum word count for each question, but it's not a problem if you are able to give a more concise response.

Things to think about – to help with your planning

Some expectations and key outcomes of successful projects under this programme:

- Provide regular group music-making opportunities for children and young people
- Have a regular and active dialogue with DMEH colleagues to ensure the quality of the supported activities
- Enable young people to have opportunities to access musical progression routes
- Provide opportunities for young people to make choices and take a lead
- Ensure your organisation has a strong safeguarding policy in place, procedures are observed and staff obtain appropriate DBS checks.
- Support DMEH objectives such as collecting data about activities and participants, facilitate the gathering of feedback, demonstrate engagement with CPD and the wider educational landscape, particularly at key DMEH events and projects.

In order for Babcock LDP to make funding payments, organisations/individuals will be asked to demonstrate they have appropriate insurance to cover the activities of the project. Funding decisions will remain provisional until the Babcock supplier-set up process has been completed.



Devon Music Education Hub will also support organisations who are successful in the following ways:

- Provide direct financial support to fund membership fees for children and young people eligible for Free School Meals, upon receipt of the necessary information to ensure valid eligibility
- Promote the project with Devon schools, DMEH partners and signpost as DMEH supported progression routes
- Facilitate use or long term loan of certain instruments and resources as agreed with the Manager of Ensembles & Instruments;
- Facilitate provision of music resources loans to projects from the Babcock LDP Music Service Library
- Support provision of outreach work in Devon schools such as Young Ambassadors Programme or similar young person led programmes and performances, working within DMEH strategies and targeted areas.
- Facilitate participation in high profile performance opportunities and concerts, such as the MIX festival and Devon County Show
- Communicate regularly and meet with representatives from funded projects at least twice each year to monitor progress towards agreed outcomes
- Facilitate and chair meetings of the Devon Youth Ensemble Network and other Special Interest Groups of the DMEH, distribute minutes and take necessary actions as identified and agreed
- Acknowledge the contribution the activities of funded projects make towards the achievement of the DMEH strategic objectives in any relevant reports or publications
Provide professional support to ensure the activities of the project meet the Quality Assurance standards of the DMEH.

Example Projects

This information gives an indication of the kind of investment that can be expected. An element of the investment will be weighted according to the number of young people taking part. Support at this level, for new or existing projects, can't be guaranteed as funding decisions will be based on the applications received, DMEH needs analysis and identified gaps in provision.

Area Music Centre – providing progression routes in orchestral instruments for children and young people. 30 weekly sessions throughout the year plus a number of concerts and performances. DMEH investment of £6,800 per year

Rock and Pop Music Centre – providing opportunities for young musicians to meet weekly, form bands, develop their music, organise gigs and deepen their knowledge and understanding with support from professional mentors. Working with around 25 young musicians for 30 sessions a year. DMEH investment of around £2000 per year

County Wide Ensemble – providing high level orchestral experience for young people across Devon. Meeting 8 times a year for rehearsal days plus an intensive residential as well as a number of performance opportunities. Caters for around 60 young musicians offering two levels of orchestra for players grades 3-6 and grade 6 and above. DMEH investment of around £9,700 per year