

Spring Term Newsletter 2013

Welcome to our first newsletter, introducing you to the Cornwall Music Education Hub and its activities!

What is the Hub?

The Cornwall Music Education Hub is a partnership of organisations working together to support music education for all children and young people in Cornwall. The Hub is led by Cornwall Learning who works with 26 Partners and 26 Supporting Organisations listed below:

Partners

BBC Concert Orchestra
Bodriggy Academy
Bournemouth Symphony
Orchestra
Community Music in Cornwall
Cornish Sinfonia
Cornwall College
Cornwall Music Therapy Trust
Cornwall Youth Brass Band
Callington Community College
CYMAZ
Falmouth University
Hall for Cornwall
Humphry Davy School
Inspire Works
KEAP
Kidz for Cornwall
MADE
Music Cornwall
National Youth Jazz Collective
Penryn College
Plymouth Music Zone
Sing to Success
St Maddern's Primary School
Trevada Music
Treviglas Community College
Truro & Penwith College

Supporting Organisations

Azook CIC
Boum Boum Drum Workshops
Camborne Town Band
Carnglaze Caverns
Cornwall Music Forum
Cornwall Outdoors
DBs Music
Devon Music Service
Doubletrees School
Eden Project
International Musicians
Seminars (Prussia Cove)
Kershaw Music
Livewire Youth Music
Plymouth Youth Music Service
Purcell School for Young
Musicians
Sing Up
Sound and Music
South West Music School
Stagecoach Theatre Arts
Stringbabies
The Roseland Community
School
The Works
Torbay Music Service
Truro Cathedral
Truro 3 Arts

From September 2012 until March 2015, the Hub will receive funding from the Arts Council to help it to deliver activities as identified in the National Plan for Music Education. These activities are:

- To enable every child and young person aged 5 -18 to experience learning a musical instrument for a minimum of a term.
- To provide all children and young people with the opportunities to progress in their musical learning.
- To provide a network of ensembles, orchestras, bands and choirs across the county which children and young people can join.
- To develop and roll out a strategy for singing.
- To provide opportunities for children and young people to perform in large scale events.
- To provide an instrument loan service with subsidies for those on low incomes.
- To offer a programme of Continuous Professional Development for music educators in the community as well as teaching staff in schools.

Cornwall Music Education Hub Activity Update

First Access

One of the key aims of the Hub is offer opportunities for children and young people to try out learning an instrument for the first time.

- The Hub subsidises whole class instrumental teaching for a minimum of one term. This has been offered to all schools can be run by any approved provider with appropriate skills. The emphasis is on developing the skills of the classroom teacher as well as introducing the children to learning to play a musical instrument. A programme of 10 45 minute sessions costs £195.
- We are offering free 'Have a go' taster programme in different areas of the county and for different ages. Programmes offered so far:
 - Guitar and Music Technology – at DBS (Cornwall College) in Pool
 - Strings – Truro College
 - Woodwind – Penwith College
 - Woodwind and Strings – Callington Community College
- Information about these activities is publicised through our website: www.cornwallmusiceducationhub.org and via Partners, schools and the local press.
- We will also be offering one-off demonstrations and tasters to promote participation in music.

Progression and Transition

The Hub Partners are working together and with schools to identify way of helping students to progress in developing their musical skills and support transition between schools.

- Workshops and master classes with world class musicians and visiting music industry professionals are co-funded by the Hub.
- Working with colleges to develop a Music Career Information days for secondary age and college students. Also working with Falmouth University and
- Support through South West Music School mentoring programme to identified gifted and talented individuals.
- Signposting and promotion of new opportunities and funding to partners and Heads of Music.
- Develop transition support model (linking in with Musical Bridges/Humphry Davy School).

Continuing Professional Development

A key role of the Hub is to offer opportunities for music leaders and teachers to develop their skills.

- December 2012 – offered free safeguarding training for music leaders with CYMAZ.
- February 2013 – ran joint music conference with Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Hubs.
- Linking in with RIO to offer Arts Award training.
- Ongoing programme of twilight sessions for singing leaders.
- Working with MADE to develop a programme of training for Early Years practitioners.
- Ongoing networking events for music leaders and teachers throughout the year.
- Signposting to CPD ops offered by other organisations through its website and forums.

Inclusion

CYMAZ have been commissioned to develop an Inclusion Strategy on behalf of the Hub which includes:

- Research into barriers to participation for children in challenging circumstances.
- Offering a programme of support for short stay schools, special schools and ARB's.
- Development of music technology to support children with disabilities and SEN.
- Developing activities specifically to support children in care.
- Training and development of music mentor network to support young people in challenging circumstances.

Opportunities to play in ensembles and perform

The Hub supports a network of choirs, ensembles and orchestras which are open to all students (auditions may apply for county level orchestras).

- All children and young people learning to play an instrument are able to participate in a Hub ensemble, regardless of who they are taught by. Approximately 800 students are currently involved in ensembles.
- All ensembles perform at least twice per term at public concerts both locally and nationally. Last term, the Penzance Youth String Orchestra opened the third night of the School Proms at the Royal Albert Hall.

Access to large scale performance events

Another extension role of the Hub is to work with partners and other organisations to provide opportunities for students to participate and see large scale performance events:

- Organising and supporting school cluster and ensemble/choir concerts.
- Signposting to opportunities to see visiting musicians via Cornwall Music Education Hub website, forums and social media.
- Participation in community events and festivals.
- Will be holding Cornwall's first young people's music festival at Heartlands in July 2013.

Singing

The Hub is working with partners to create ways to support vocal development in schools and other settings, in all genres.

- Sing to Success have been commissioned to develop and run the vocal strategy. This includes:
 - Developing a network of choirs to supplement the successfully established Cornwall Boys Choir and Cambiata groups.
 - Development and delivery of vocal training and resources for school staff in conjunction with the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.
 - High profile and large scale singing performance opportunities e.g. Royal Albert Hall, Hall for Cornwall, Princess Pavilions, Carnglaze Caverns.
 - Working with NYCGB to host 'Come and sing' sessions alongside their auditioning programme.

Subsidised access to music

The Hub is able to provide subsidies to some students to support their access to music:

- Students on Free School Meals and Disability Allowance learning an instrument through an 'Approved Provider' receive subsidised tuition (this funded may be devolved to schools from April 2013 – to be confirmed)
- Currently Music Cornwall and Cornwall Music Academy are both approved providers for the Hub.
- Students on Free School Meals are entitled to subsidised instrument hire and membership of a CMEH ensemble.
- Students learning to play a 'minority instruments' (e.g. double bass) receive subsidised lessons due to low numbers.

Instrument Hire

Another extension role is to support students' access to instruments through hire schemes.

- Music Cornwall and Cornwall Music Academy offer instrument hire which is subsidised for students eligible for Free Schools Meals.
- Instruments are provided for 'Have a go' sessions free of charge.

Coming up...

Events

- 1st March – Music For Youth Regional Festive at Truro Methodist Church for ensembles and school groups.
- 8th March – Cornwall Youth Jazz Orchestra perform at Boconnoc Church.
- 9th March - 'So you think you can sing' vocal competition and workshops at Bodmin College in conjunction with Oceansong Music.
- 15th March – workshops with Schubert Ensemble at Mylor Bridge School and Truro College (for local secondary students) in conjunction with Truro 3 Arts and Truro College.
- 15th March – Cornwall ensembles participating in Cornwall Music Festival.
- 16th March – National Learn to Play Day – drop in music taster sessions at Truro Community Library and Trevada Music.
- 16th/17th March – Cornwall Youth Classical Guitar Ensemble – residential workshop and performance at St. Endellion.
- 22nd March – masterclass with visiting cellist, Matthew Barley, at Humphry Davy School in conjunction with Concerts Penzance.
- 28th March – Music Showcase at St. John's Hall in Penzance - A fantastic evening of music featuring CYO, CYWO, CYBE, CYPE, Sax is our Business, Flautistas, and cluster choir of local schools.
- 10th April – Cornwall Youth Wind Orchestra concert at Carnglaze Caverns.
- 12th/13th April – Cornwall Youth Orchestra concerts at St. John's Hall and Truro Cathedral.
- 25th – 20th April - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Cornwall Residency:
 - Pictures at an Exhibition projects with Kilkampton, Marhamchurch, Morwenstow and Jacobstow, Cury, Garras, St. Martins and Landewednack Schools.
 - Mini ensemble performance at Launceston Primary and Callington Community College.
 - Masterclasses with Truro Youth String Orchestra, Triggshire Winds local horn players.
 - Full orchestra concert at Hall for Cornwall with open rehearsal for local schools and £1 tickets for under 18's.
 - Workshops with adult players at Bodmin Community College.
- 2-6 May – Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival:
 - Performances and workshops at schools across the county by visiting choirs.
 - Cornwall Boys Choir and Cambiata bus tour running from Penzance and Torpoint (meeting for joint performance at Hall for Cornwall).
- 14th May – Giant Bolster Project Performance at Hall for Cornwall in conjunction with Cornish Sinfonia, Duchy Opera and Blackwater, Mount Hawke, St. Agnes and Perranporth Schools.
- 14th May – performance and workshop with visiting Chinese ensemble, Xinjiang Arts Theatre, at Saltash and Launceston Schools.
- 21st June - working with Sing to Success/KEAP to offer Big Sing event
- 27th and 28th June - Mermaid of Zennor children's opera project and performance at Princess Pavilions in conjunction with Duchy Opera and Bosvigo, Threemilestone, Cusgarne and St. Mary's RC Schools
- 5th/6th July – CMEH young people's music festival at Heartlands with performances and workshops.

Training

- Arts Award training:
 - 4th March - Discover and Explore
 - 15th March - Silver and Bronze
- 26th April - Conducting and Composition masterclasses at Bodmin College.
- 3rd May - South West Music School - How to Identify and Support Musical Talent.
- Autumn 2013 – CMEH Conference – details to be confirmed.

NEWS - CYMAZ is recruiting Music Leaders

We are seeking to widen our pool of music leaders ready for a busy year of delivery. CYMAZ has a lot of activity to deliver across the county over the coming year including in youth settings, with social care agencies, with particular target groups of vulnerable young people, in short stay schools and special needs schools. We need experienced and motivated music leaders to join our team to develop and deliver these activities. Much of the activity is funded by the **Musical Inclusion** programme and through the **Cornwall Music Education Hub**.

Whether music leaders have worked with CYMAZ in the past or currently, CYMAZ requires a completed application process. This is part of reviewing our overall processes, quality assurance and recruitment policies. To have a chance to deliver ongoing music making activity with CYMAZ, please complete an application form and return it to us by **Tuesday 5th March**. There will be a recruitment day in March, date TBC.

Please note that we would welcome applications from women with multi instrumental skills as this is a current gap.

Access the application form here; <http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/groups/cymaz-network/discussions/cymaz-recruiting-music-leaders>

CYMAZ Generate Bursary - Second Round Open for Applications

Open for a second round of applications, the Generate bursary scheme is for individuals and organisations/agencies to support costs of training and development. This is aimed to improve music making activity for children and young people in challenging circumstances. The closing date for applications is **5pm on Monday 25th March**.

To access information about Generate and the application form, you'll need to;

1. Create a profile on the Youth Music Network; <http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/>
2. Go to the **new Groups** section and look for the **CYMAZ Network**;
<http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/groups/cymaz-network>
3. **Request membership** to the CYMAZ Network
4. Once your membership has been approved you'll be able to download all the relevant documents

Hub Website and VLE

For further information about Hub activities, please visit the CMEH website:

www.cornwallmusiceducationhub.org

The website also has a login only area for partners and schools. For details of how to access this, or upload your event information to the Hub website, please contact the Website manager, Chris Hambly - chambly@musiccornwall.org