

Nottingham Music Service

We are a charitable incorporated organisation, closely allied to NCC.

As the lead partner for **Nottingham Music Hub** (funded primarily by Arts Council/DfE) we work with a range of partner organisations to provide musical opportunities for young people in Nottingham, and support schools in fulfilling the expectations of the National Music Plan



What do we do?

- Whole Class Ensemble & In Harmony programmes
- Area Bands and intermediate orchestra
- Band Factory and World Musics
- Robin Hood Youth Orchestra
- Musical Inclusion programme
- Large scale city events
- Great Orchestra Experiment & Big Sing
- Connections with community & professional musicians
- Professional development/Certificate for Music Educators



Some indications of impact

Numbers of young people engaging increased from 500 to 7500 since 2002

In 84% of city primary schools, every child learns to play an instrument

YP involved in music now match closely to city profile for Free School Meals, Ethnicity, SEN

Schemes of work and models published nationally



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Nottingham Music Hub and the DfE National Plan for Music Education

Ways in which Nottingham Music Hub supports city schools in meeting DfE/Ofsted expectations for music education

National Music Plan key expectations:	Nottingham Music Hub offer:
"Every child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument through whole-class ensemble teaching programmes "	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Class Ensemble package including whole class instrument loan • An exciting new offer of more intensive and immersive Bronze, Silver and Gold In Harmony satellite programmes
"There are opportunities to play in ensembles and to perform from an early stage, 'in school' and strategically organised extended area activities"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area band network (300+ post whole-class-ensemble children each week) • Nottingham Music School ensembles (150+ young people each Saturday) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intermediate Orchestra ○ Robin Hood Youth Orchestra ○ Band Factory ○ World Music groups • Music Hub partner ensembles
<p>"Clear progression routes are available and affordable to all young people"</p> <p>"Accreditation routes available through instrumental/vocal examinations/Arts Award"</p> <p>"Pathways for talented young musicians"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group music tuition and In Harmony satellite programmes • Music Camp (fast-track progression for 300 YP each September) • Instrument loan scheme • Music Exam Strategy: grade exams and music medals • Development of East Midlands 'highly talented' programme • Noise from the Next Generation young musician's competition
"Every pupil sings regularly and that choirs/vocal ensembles are available"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Sing Festival of Singing (schools with professional singing group at the Albert Hall each July) • Singing workshops and CPD • Sing City for secondary singers • Resources for cluster events • Secondary choirs network • Hub partner choirs (eg Music for Everyone) •
<p>"Pupils to access large scale/high quality music experiences...inspirational input from professional musicians"</p> <p>"There will be performance opportunities for clusters of schools for all pupils"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Great Orchestra Experiment (1200+ children playing with the Robin Hood Orchestras at the Albert Hall in March) • Massed Christmas concerts and other events at professional venues like the Royal Concert Hall/Albert Hall • Events promoted by music hub partners • Visiting professional musicians and artists throughout the year
<p>"Schools will seek curriculum advice and support including CPD from music hubs"</p> <p>"Schools will expect music hubs to provide them with expert advice and challenge and take action on this"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web library of national reports and guidance • Level 4 Certificate for Music Educators • CPD, subject review, support for school music improvement plans, lesson observations and development work • Feedback on DfE music data return to aid self evaluation

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- 1) Nottingham Music Hub has been **charged by Ofsted** to secure that all schools in Nottingham engage with the music hub and the National Plan for Music Education; have regular conversations with each school about the quality of music education for all pupils in that school; and support all schools in improving the music education they provide, especially in class lessons, and support them in evaluating it robustly
- 2) Nottingham Music Service is the **lead partner for Nottingham Music Hub**, a partnership of key local and regional music organisations, working together to create joined up, high quality music education for children and young people
- 3) In 2012-13 Nottingham was once more **significantly above the national average** for music in many of the areas measured by DfE: 88% of primary schools with a Whole Class Ensemble programme; 44% of YP continuing learning after the WCE programme
- 4) The service has developed into **one of the most inclusive in the country**:
 - 18% of the school population are learning instruments, representing a **1366% increase since 2002**
 - 28% of young people (YP) learning instruments are on Free School Meals. (Overall city figure 33.8%)
 - 20% of YP learning instruments are registered as SEN (Overall city figure is 21.8%)
 - 45.9% of YP learning instruments are from BME groups (Overall city figure is 45.8%)
- 5) The service is one of only six in England to be selected to run the national (and international) **In Harmony/El Sistema** programme, and is hoping to expand this offer beyond the four schools currently taking part
- 6) The service has developed new music **accreditation strategies for Nottingham** in association with senior management of the ABRSM (largest music exam body). Nottingham is the only music service to have ensemble band arrangements accredited by the ABRSM, enabling YP to gain music medals through taking part in area band. 133 post-Whole-Class-Ensemble young people gained ABRSM grade 1, grade 2 or a music medal in summer 2013.
- 7) Schemes of work and resources developed by the music service have been **published by national bodies**, including the government Innovation Unit, Musical Futures and have been featured as case studies in National Curriculum guidance and the DCMS cultural report
- 8) Nottingham Music Service has won **awards** for *Innovation* and *Serving Nottingham Better*. Nottingham Music Hub was a finalist for the *National Music Hub Innovation award 2013* and was nominated for the *National Lottery awards 2014*
- 9) The music service offers **expert leadership in music education**, including staff with experience as performers and composers, as published authors of music education books and resources, as a Senior Lecturer in Music Education in universities, as Arts Awards advisers, of running Initial Teacher Training and national CPD, as a specialist Music Ofsted inspector, as a principal examiner and specification development for multiple exam boards
- 10) The service is one of the first centres in the country to offer the new **Level 4 Certificate for Music Educators**, providing training for the wider music education workforce as recommended in the DfE National Plan for Music Education