

## Aims of the Programme:

- ⇒ To allow pupils to acquire instrumental skills in a whole class, mixed-ability, child-centred setting;
- ⇒ To expose children to the musical skills of performing, listening and inventing;
- ⇒ To motivate and inspire children about music performance;
- ⇒ To develop transferrable instrumental techniques;
- ⇒ To nurture and develop an appreciation of different music genres, rock, popular, jazz, classical etc...



## Music Generation Offaly/ Westmeath

To get involved in **The Classroom Instrument Music Education Programme** 2013-2014,

Email: [mbroome@offalycoco.ie](mailto:mbroome@offalycoco.ie) no later than:

**Friday, 13th December, 2013.**

In your email please include some background information, including:

- Size/ number of participating classes;
- Age of participants;
- Instrumental experience to date; (recorder, tin whistle)
- Suggested day/ time and location for weekly tuition;
- Name and contact details for nominated teacher;
- Knowledge of the fee structure.

**The ability to read music is not a pre-requisite.**



Strand 2: Instrument Outreach Programme

## Whole Class Instrument Tuition Opportunities



**Music Generation: Ireland's National  
Music Education Programme**

Helping children and young people  
access music education in **their own**  
locality

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Classroom Instrumental Tuition Opportunities  
2013-2014

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is looking to work with primary and secondary schools interested in integrating whole class instrument tuition into their weekly schedule. Suitable for 4th, 5th and 6th classes in primary schools, and all stages in secondary schools (available as a TY project) this style of tuition provides all pupils with the opportunity to 'try' an instrument in a flexible, creative learning environment.

Participating schools will be asked to support Music Generation Offaly Westmeath by nominating a member of staff who will coordinate the programme between lessons by ensuring, for example, teaching space and lesson materials are prepared, and organising support in setting up equipment when required.

Tuition will be provided in weekly 45-minute lessons with our Classroom Instrument Practitioners, supported by the class/ nominated teacher. In these sessions, opportunities will be developed for:

- individual and group instrument work;
- inventing/ composing;
- the use of technology;

The Programme will be delivered by specialist Classroom Instrument Practitioners, experienced in managing large mixed-ability groups.

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath commits to provide all resources required by schools to take part in this programme.

**Objectives:** It is the intention of Music Generation Offaly Westmeath that this programme will provide high quality access to instrumental tuition and an accessible pathway to musicianship for participating children.

Classroom Instrument Practitioners will bring all equipment required for each session. Pupils will not be required to have access to instruments between sessions, so no additional costs will be incurred by schools or parents.

We would expect that participation will nurture and develop young people across the spectrum of abilities that may be reflected in a group. The ability to read music is not a requirement for participation.

**Location:** Tuition will be provided on a weekly basis within each selected school, and it is preferred (although not a requirement) that tuition take place during school hours to guarantee equal access by all pupils. Suitable times can be negotiated with the Classroom Instrument Practitioner.

**Cost:** Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is subsidising participation fees to hold costs down in an effort to ensure affordable access.

- The cost of this programme for 2013-2014 is €15 per child (€300 for a group of 20 students) for a minimum of 15 weeks of lessons to be held in terms 2 and 3 of session 2013-2014.
- Schools can decide whether the participation fee will be payable by parents, fundraising, the Board of Management, other school funds or any combination of these methods.
- Selected schools are responsible for collecting fees payable to Music Generation Offaly Westmeath.

We will also require schools to return data on participant numbers and evaluations as part of this process.

Classroom tuition in guitar  
(including bass guitar), keyboard,  
and drum kit has become the  
foundation of many classroom-  
based music tuition programmes  
across the UK and USA.

With established materials, flexible  
learning and teaching approaches,  
together with the facility to accom-  
modate large mixed-ability groups  
whilst providing a quality music  
education experience, the Class-  
room Instrument Programme aims  
to provide equal access to Instru-  
ment tuition for all pupils at a rea-  
sonable cost.