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Ireland's National Music Education Programme
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Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is a new music education service for children and young people in the counties of Offaly and Westmeath. It is part of Music Generation - Ireland's National Music Education Programme initiated by Music Network and funded by U2 & The Ireland Funds. Locally, Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is managed by Offaly Westmeath Music Education Partnership and receives financial support from Offaly County Council (Lead Partner), Westmeath County Council and the Athlone and Laois Education Centres.

Offaly Westmeath Music Education Partnership is 'making music happen' guided by the values of equality of access, quality of experience, partnerships, creativity and sustainability.

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath aims to make creating music part of young people's lives, to give them life enhancing skills through learning to sing and play instruments and to generate opportunities for children and young people to experience making music with others.

'MIDLANDS - MUSIC IN OUR LIVES'

To do this Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is developing 3 initiatives for young people across Offaly and Westmeath:

1. The Kodály Programme aimed toward pre and primary school pupils;
2. The 'Play an Instrument' Outreach Programme for children and young people aged 9 – 18;
3. 'Music in our Lives' Programme - to be developed from 2015.

The aims of these initiatives are to:

- Provide new skills and experiences for children in music;
- Motivate and inspire children about music performance;
- Guide children and young people in the development of vocal and instrumental skills and techniques;
- Develop ensembles and group music making opportunities.

Kodaly Programme Pre & Primary School

(In partnership with DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama, the Athlone Education Centre and the Kodály Society of Ireland)



The Kodály Programme is a child centred approach to music education based on learning and understanding music through the experience of singing, rhythm work, solfège , hand sign work, memory development and improvisation.

Delivered by our team of qualified tutors, these active and creative music making sessions build to provide a foundation of skill and understanding for independent music making.

Kodaly Programme includes:

- Twice weekly, whole class sessions led by a trained musician;
- Each session lasts for 30 minutes (60 minutes tuition per week);
- Programme runs for 30 weeks per year within the school timetable;
- Suitable for all stages of primary school.

Schools responsibility:

- Class teachers to be present & willing to be actively involved
- Aiding in the development and staging of performances;
- Collection and payment of fees.

NOTE: The Kodály Programme complements current primary music curricular requirements for participation through performing, listening and responding and composition; and the potential to integrate text books that pupils have been asked to purchase **may** exist. However, participation in the Kodály Programme is intended to extend current provision and not replace it.

NEW FOR 2014/ 2015

Kodaly Programme and Classroom Choral/ Recorder Combination 4th – 6th Class Pupils



For older classes, the Kodály Programme can be combined with a choral or pre-instrumental experience.

Delivery is through weekly whole class tuition when musicianship training (using the Kodály approach) will be combined with group choral **or** recorder tuition.

Students in all participating schools will study a shared repertoire that will enable them to come together for large group rehearsals and performances.

Kodaly Programme Combination includes:

- Single weekly sessions of 50 minutes duration to include both musicianship training based on the the Kodály approach, and ***either*** recorder ***or*** choral skills
- Programme runs for 30 weeks a year within the school timetable.

Schools responsibility:

- Class teachers to be present & willing to be actively involved
- Aiding in developing performance opportunities
- Collection and payment of fees.



‘Play an Instrument’ Outreach Programme

A flexible programme, the ‘Play an Instrument’ Outreach Programme can operate out of a wide variety of venues including primary and secondary schools, afterschool programmes, arts venues and community facilities and will be operate in two complementary teaching styles, the ‘Classroom Instrument Programme’ and the ‘Small Groups Programme’.

Small Group Tuition

(4th - 6th class at primary school and Secondary School pupils)



- Tuition will be available for the following: Violin – Viola – Cello - Double Bass – Flute – Piano – Clarinet – Saxophone - Trumpet - Trombone - Percussion - Guitar. It may not be possible to accommodate specific instrument requests made by schools/ individuals;
- Groups will comprise a minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 student;
- Tuition can be held in a variety of settings including post-primary schools, primary schools and/or youth centres;
- Specialist tutors will provide weekly lessons of 40 minutes per group on a designated day to small groups on a variety of instruments.

Schools/Venues/Individuals Responsibility:

- Venues hosting after school tuition may be required to give access to children and young people who are not students of the school or members of the youth centre;
- Venues will need to accommodate after school tuition for up to 3 hours;
- Participants need to commit to attending tuition on a weekly basis over an extended period of time and practise between lessons is essential;
- Caretaking/supervising will be the responsibility of the school/venue in line with school/venue policies and procedures.



Classroom Instrument Programme

(Aimed towards 4th - 6th classes in primary school and secondary schools pupils)



- Weekly 45-minute lessons with our trained tutors available on a variety of instruments;
- Equal access to a variety of instruments and instrument tuition for all pupils;
- A reasonable cost structure;
- The ability to read music is not a pre-requisite;
- Suitable and available as a TY project or as after school tuition (dependent on numbers).

Schools Responsibility:

- A member of staff needs to be nominated to assist the tutor between lessons by ensuring, for example, teaching space is prepared, lesson materials copied, and aiding in the organisation of performances;
- Maximum group size c.25 pupils;
- It is preferred (although not a requirement) that tuition take place during school hours to guarantee equal access by all pupils;
- Collection and payment of fees.



Choral Music Programme

(In partnership with the Association of Irish Choirs)
(Suitable for 6 year olds and over)

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is working with primary and secondary schools with either established or occasional choirs, to begin building a network of choirs that will develop into area and ultimately regional choral activity.

- Weekly 60 minute rehearsals (during or after school) with Choral Practitioners;
- Choirs work on shared repertoire with some individualisation possible;
- High quality music experience, delivered in a fun and accessible way, which will enable children to become more confident at music reading and performance;
- The ability to read music is not a requirement.



Schools Responsibilities

- Nominated teacher to oversee the membership and attendance of pupils at rehearsals, and support the conductor during rehearsals;
- Commitment by pupils to regularly attend rehearsals is essential;
- Collection and payment of fees.





Applying and Fees Information

For further information and to get involved in any of our programmes

Email: mbroome@offalycoco.ie .

In your email please include relevant background information, including (for example): Size/ number of participating classes, pupil numbers; age range of pupils; music experience to date; (e.g recorder, tin whistle, singing); Suggested day/ time and location for weekly tuition; name and contact details for nominated teacher; knowledge of the fee structure.

Costs

Programmes are heavily subsidised in order to minimise the financial burden on participating schools and individuals. However, all stated fees are based on specific group make-ups, where participating groups differ from those described, MGOW reserve the right to alter the fee from those contained in this brochure.

- Participating schools are responsible for the collection and payment to MGOW of fees. Schools can decide whether fees will be payable by parents, fundraising, Board of Management, other school funds or any combination of these methods.
- In addition, the facility for schools to spread payments across the academic year exists.
- Schools are required to make returns on participant numbers, gender and age and may be asked to make evaluations of the programmes.
- Participating schools will be requested to facilitate arrangements for transport to rehearsal and performance for any subsequent large-scale performances.

NOTE: Due to the highly subsidised nature of all of our programmes, **we are unable** to make refunds for missed classes/ lessons.

All prices are subject to change and are dependent on group size.

Kodaly Programme (30 weeks of tuition) - The cost for participation is €1 per child per week i.e. €30 per participating child per year.

Kodaly Programme Combination (30 weeks of tuition) -The cost for participation is €1 per child per week i.e. €30 per participating child per year with a one-off additional €10 charge (to cover the purchase of the recorder) applicable in year 1.

Choral Programme (25 weeks of rehearsals) - The cost of the programme for this year is €0.80 per child per rehearsal i.e. €20 per participating pupil per year.

Classroom Instrumental Tuition (25 weeks of tuition)

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is unable to provide instrumental resources at this time. However if you already have access to instruments, or are interested in rental then we can provide the tuition.

The cost of this programme €1.50 per pupil per week i.e. **€45 per participating pupil per year.**

It is not possible to commit to a single 40 minute session under any circumstance.

Small Group Instrumental Tuition (25 weeks of tuition)

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath are unable to provide instrumental resources at this time. However if you already have access to instruments, or are interested in rental then we can provide the tuition.

The cost of the programme is €150 per child for one year's tuition (25 lessons @ €6) Tuition groups would be a minimum of 4 pupils and a maximum of 8.

The fee will be collected in 3 instalments (Oct, Jan, April).

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