

Music Generation Offaly/ Westmeath

Aims of the Programme:

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath's Instrumental Outreach Programme will provide high quality instrumental tuition for participating children. The instrumental specialists will nurture and develop young people across the range of abilities that may be reflected in a group. The objectives of the strand are to:

- ♦ Teach Children to play an instrument
- ♦ Provide new skills for children in working as a group – listening and responding to each other, learning new repertoire
- ♦ Motivate and inspire children about music performance
- ♦ Develop instrumental and vocal techniques for young voices and ensembles
- ♦ Nurture and develop an appreciation of different music genres, classical, popular, jazz, African etc.
- ♦ Enable children to become confident at music reading and performance
- ♦ Develop ensembles and group music making opportunities.

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath's Small Group Instrumental Tuition Programme is aimed towards pupils from 4th - 6th class at primary school and all secondary school pupils.

This Programme will be delivered by a number of specialist tutors who will provide weekly lessons to small groups.



Kodály Society of Ireland



Strand 2: Instrument Outreach Programme

Small Group
Instrumental
Tuition



Music Generation: Ireland's National
Music Education Programme

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

Instrument Outreach Programme

Introduction

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is seeking expressions of interest from Post-Primary Schools, Primary Schools and/or Youth Centres to host small group lessons for children and young people aged 9-18 from February 2014 to June 2014. It is most likely that tuition will take place immediately after school hours for up to 3 hours. However where schools would prefer tuition to take place during school hours, this can be accommodated.

Tuition will take place on a designated day, weekly in line with school holidays.

It is desirable that venues hosting after school tuition are willing to give access to children and young people who are not students of the school or members of the youth centre.

This programme will provide a high quality music experience, delivered in a fun and accessible way, which enables children to become more confident at music reading and performance. The structure of the programme will involve weekly sessions of 40 minutes per group (minimum of 4 students, maximum of 8 dependent on instrument) for the purpose of instrumental tuition.

It is hoped that performances/ ensembles in individual schools / centres/ areas will develop organically.

Tuition will be available on the following:

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Percussion
- Guitar
- Piano

It may not be possible to accommodate specific instrument requests made by schools.

This opportunity differs from the Classroom Tuition Programme in three key ways:

1 It is delivered to students electively participating, availing of a group lesson, with children leaving the classroom to attend the tuition during the school day, or returning to school after hours for lessons.

2 A resource bank of beginner instruments will be made available as an integral part of this strand. The instrument maybe rented from Music Generation Offaly Westmeath for a nominal fee per term. The instrument (except in the case of piano) would be available to the child to take home.

3 Aimed towards beginner and intermediate players, it is expected that pupils (and parents) will understand that this strand requires a commitment to attend tuition on a weekly basis over an extended period of time and that practise between lessons is essential for progress to be made.

Location

It is a necessary part of this strand that the music tuition takes place in a suitable space outside of the classroom if during school hours. This should be a room with a window in the door to suit up to 8 persons.

Caretaking/supervising will be the responsibility of the school/venue in line with school/venue policies and procedures.

Cost

Music Generation Offaly Westmeath is providing a quality assured music education experience, which is at a low cost to ensure affordable access.

The cost of the programme is €200 per child for one year's tuition (30 lessons at €6 per lesson) Tuition groups would be a minimum of 4 pupils and a maximum of 8.

The fee will be collected weekly for the first 4 lessons, thereafter the balance will be collected termly.

Given the heavily subsidised nature of the lessons, it will not be possible to refund for lessons missed.

Getting Involved

To get involved in the Instrument Outreach Programme—Small Group Tuition, schools need to email mbroome@offalycoco.ie no later than XXXXXX

Emails should include statements of support from Parents Council, Boards of Management, and / or examples of music programmes additional to the school curriculum that you may already be running in your school together with the proposed number of pupils requiring tuition.

It should be noted that it is not possible to commit to a single 40 minute session under any circumstances.

Schools should be aware that this programme requires **a long-term commitment from participating pupils and their parents**—this is not a taster course.

Schools will be required to return data on participant numbers and qualitative evaluative comment as part of this process.