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**MUSICIAN EDUCATORS**

Music Generation Kerry is a performance music education[[1]](#footnote-1) service for children and young people in County Kerry that provides opportunities for children and young people to access a range of high quality, subsidised vocal and instrumental tuition in their local area. This offers a unique opportunity for dynamic musicians to join the Music Generation Kerry team at a time of exciting change in the music education landscape in Ireland.

Music Generation Kerry is managed and funded locally by Kerry ETB, Kerry County Council and Kerry Foods. Kerry Education and Training Board as Lead Partner for Kerry Music Education Partnership now wishes to recruit suitably qualified and experienced musicians/musician educators to deliver:

1. Popular Vocals and A Capella Choir
2. Early Years
3. Classical Ensemble groups
4. Hip Hop
5. Traditional Instruments, particularly Concertina, Uilleann Pipes and Harp

**Instruments/Vocal Styles**

Musicians practicing in the following instruments and/or voice in any musical genre are eligible to apply:

Popular vocals; Early Years practice; Classical strings and woodwind; Hip Hop; Concertina, Harp & Uilleann Pipes

Musicians/musician educators will work children and young people in group contexts online and in person and may work on one or more programmes at any given time. The ability to deliver tuition at more than one location throughout County Kerry will be advantageous and a willingness to teach via teleconferencing is essential. Applications are particularly welcomed from musicians who can teach through the medium of Irish.

**Essential criteria**

**To qualify for appointment candidates must:**

* Be a motivated, accomplished, practising musician with demonstrable skills in at least one instrument/voice
* Have a proven track record of at least two years’ experience in delivering vocal and instrumental music tuition to a high standard in at least one performance music education context or genre
* Have a strong ability to connect with children and young people, and a passion for and commitment to performance music education.

**Person profile**

**We are seeking musicians who:**

* Are able to motivate and inspire children and young people about music
* Demonstrate an understanding of effective tuition in a group context and an ability to set learning objectives and monitor achievements
* Work effectively as an individual and as part of a team
* Demonstrate a passion for performance music education and a commitment to their own continuing professional development
* Show an understanding of the Music Generation local and national programme and are prepared to work positively to promote its goals.

**Desirable criteria**

* An appropriate third level qualification in music and/or music education and/or equivalent quantifiable experience
* Experience in leading and developing instrumental and/or vocal ensembles in any genre
* An ability to play an additional instrument(s) to a good standard

**How to apply**

Application forms can be downloaded from www.kerryetb.ie/opportunities. Please submit completed application form and return by email only to jobs@kerryetb.ie. The closing date for receipt of online applications is 12:00 noon Friday 16th April 2021. No CVs, only official application form will be accepted.

If you have any queries please contact Kerry ETB or Music Development Officer Deirdre Johnson at Music Generation Kerry djohnson@kerryetb.ie.

**Recruitment process**

A shortlisting process will operate. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview before a panel. This will comprise a formal interview, and a 10-minute practical demonstration of your approach to a performance music education session, including a short musical performance on your primary instrument or voice.

**Tenure**

Successful applicants will be placed in a pool and offered a Fixed Term Contract when opportunities arise for their particular area of expertise. All contracts are subject to sufficient uptake by participants and the continuation of Music Generation funding.

**Hours**

Hours of working vary and will be discussed and notified in advance. Tuition and rehearsals may take place within school hours, outside of school hours, during weekends and school holidays.

**Meetings and professional development**

Successful applicants will be expected to participate in musician team meetings, professional development sessions and such other meetings/events as may be determined from time to time by Music Generation Kerry.

**Gárda Vetting and Child Protection Policies**

Inclusion on the panel is subject to Gárda Vetting. All successful candidates must participate in Music Generation Kerry’s Induction Process and Child Protection Training.

**Transport**

Successful applicants will require access to own transport and a full clean driving licence.

**Notes**

* Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted
* The selection decision of Kerry Education and Training Board is final
* Kerry Education & Training Board/Music Generation Kerry reserves the right to pursue other selection processes at its discretion
* Selected musicians may not sub-contract work to third parties
* Canvassing will disqualify
* Kerry Education and Training Board is an equal opportunities employer.
1. *Music Generation focuses on the provision of performance music education – that is, the breadth of vocal and instrumental learning in all genres and styles of music. This includes all pedagogical approaches and practices appropriate to particular musical cultures and traditions, and is delivered by professional musician educators. Recognised by the Department of Education and Skills as non-mainstream music education, performance music education complements and enriches – but does not replace – the mainstream music curriculum provision of the formal education system.* Music Generation Strategic Plan, 2016 - 2021 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)