

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – MUSIC GENERATION

About Music Generation

Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme that transforms the lives of children and young people through access to high-quality, subsidised performance music education.¹ Initiated by Music Network, Music Generation is co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Local Music Education Partnerships (LMEPs).

Music Generation was set up in 2010 by Music Network to establish infrastructure for performance music education. Its genesis stems from the combined philanthropic support of U2 and The Ireland Funds to seed-fund phased implementation of Music Network's Feasibility Study Report: [A National System of Local Music Education Services](#).

During Phase 1 the programme was established in 11 LMEP Areas.² Phase 2 commenced expansion into 9 further LMEP Areas.³ In December 2017, Government announced its commitment to support the roll-out of Music Generation nationwide by 2022.

Music Generation currently creates some 48,500 opportunities for children and young people to engage in music tuition annually, generating more than 400 employment opportunities across a range of artistic/managerial, musician and administration/support roles. For further information visit: www.musicgeneration.ie

Policy, Research and Guidelines Documents:

- [Music Generation National Development Office Strategic Plan 2016-2021](#)
- [Possible Selves in Music, Summary Report 2016](#)

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

² Carlow, Clare, Cork City, Laois, Louth, Limerick City, Mayo, Offaly/Westmeath, Sligo, South Dublin and Wicklow

³ Cavan/Monaghan, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Galway City, Galway County, Kilkenny, Leitrim, Roscommon, Waterford and Wexford

About Music Generation Kerry

Music Generation Kerry is a new performance music education service for children and young people in County Kerry that will provide opportunities for children and young people to access a range of vocal and instrumental tuition in their local area.

It is among five new LMEP Areas to recently commence participation in the National Expansion of Music Generation. Locally, Music Generation Kerry is supported and funded by Kerry Education and Training Board, and Kerry County Council.

Music Generation Kerry plans to transform the landscape for performance music education in the county by delivering a range of performance music education programmes which respond to the local needs and context of County Kerry.

Proposed programmes include:

Strand 1 Pathway Programmes

- (a) *Get into Music*
- (b) *TrY Music!*

Strand 2 Progression Programmes

- (c) Vocal and Instrumental Tuition Initiative
- (d) Beatmaking Academy
- (e) Workshops and Residencies
- (f) Summer Schools

Strand 3 Performance Initiatives

- (g) Music Ensembles
- (h) Festivals and Events

Further details are available in Music Generation Kerry's Summary Framework Plan.