

A group of diverse children, mostly of primary school age, are shown from the waist up. They are all looking upwards and have their right arms raised in the air, with some fists clenched. They are wearing casual clothing like t-shirts and jeans. The background is dark, suggesting it's nighttime, with some out-of-focus lights visible. The overall mood is one of joy and participation.

Doncaster Music Hub

Board Recruitment



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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the role of Board Member. We are currently looking to recruit enthusiastic individuals for our Strategic Overview Board. Doncaster Music Hub, (DMH) is a collection of local partners led jointly by Doncaster Music Service and darts.

Our ambition is to provide every child in Doncaster the opportunity to sing and learn a musical instrument, and to perform as an ensemble regardless of race, ability, age or gender.

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council governs DMH with support and guidance provided by the DMH Strategic Board. The main purpose of the strategic board is to act as critical friends to the Hub Leads, offering advice and challenge in responding to local, regional and national agendas with particular focus on the New National Plan for Music. The board leads on raising standards, broadening provision and strengthening progressive musical opportunities. The Board meet termly throughout the academic year.

The role of a Board Member is to scrutinise the organisation's strategic work which includes planning, review, policy development and strategy development. Previous experience at a board level is not essential. We are more interested in people who have a passion for music and education and are inspired to create a platform that allows for a true diverse and inclusive organisation.

We are particularly keen to hear from individuals with skills or experience in the following sectors:

- Music Education
- Marketing and Communications
- Community Funding
- SEND Schools or a specialism in Disability

If you would like an informal chat please get in touch with Paul Davies, Music Service & Hub Manager via email; paul.davies@doncaster.gov.uk

About Us

Doncaster Music Hub is a collection of local partners, led by Doncaster Music Service and darts.

Our vision for Doncaster includes a thriving musical offer for all children and young people, with a wealth of exciting performance opportunities, challenging and appropriate progression routes, an inspirational workforce of music leaders across all genres and embedded regional and national partnerships.

Music Hubs were established in every local authority area in England in line with the National Plan for Music Education, 'The Importance of Music', by the Department for Education (DFE) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in 2011. Since then Ofsted has outlined the role that hubs must play in school improvement with the report 'Music in schools: what Hubs must do' in 2013.

The Education Inspection Framework was updated in September 2019, with opportunities to focus on music in 'personal development' where 'the curriculum extends beyond the academic, technical or vocational. It provides for learners' broader development, enabling them to develop and discover their interests and talents'.

The new Ofsted framework requires schools to consider how they develop their children's cultural capital to help them succeed in life.



Doncaster Music Hub is a partnership of over 25 organisations. As well as schools, academies and Doncaster Council, the partnership is built up of a varied range of organisations and music providers.

In addition to the lead partners: Doncaster Music Service and darts, our national and regional partners include Yorkshire Youth & Music, Opera North, IVE, Charanga, Doncaster Youth Jazz Association, University Centre Doncaster, Higher Rhythm, Cast (Performance Venue), The William Appleby Trust, Music in the Round, the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, Orchestras Live, Rainbow Connections and Music for Youth.

We are also involved in a partnership with the Royal Opera House through local partner Cast. Other partners include charitable trusts, community arts organisations, small businesses, and local music groups.



Our Role

All Music Hubs must deliver the roles outlined by the National Plan for Music Education, which are funded by Arts Council England:

Core Roles

1. Ensuring every child between the ages of 5 and 18 has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.
2. Providing opportunities to play in ensembles.
3. Ensuring that clear progression routes are available and affordable.
4. Developing a singing strategy so that every child sings regularly.

Extension Roles

1. Offering CPD to school staff to help deliver the music curriculum
2. Providing an instrument loan service
3. Providing access to large-scale and/or high quality experiences including working with professional musicians and publicising musical performances for young people



Doncaster Music Hub Strategic Board

Terms of Reference

The purpose of the board is to:

- Oversee and have strategic input into the development of Doncaster Music Hub and act as critical friends
- Develop with colleagues, the business plan for DMH
- Ensure systems are in place to capture the views and needs of a broad range of stakeholders and young people. This will include the development and review of an annual need's analysis
- Monitor performance of the Hub's key objectives periodically
- Plan, review and develop policies and strategies in order to further raise standards, broaden provision and strengthen progressive musical opportunities
- Scrutinise financial reports ensuring value for money and quality of provision
- Advocate for the rights of the child to have access to musical education
- Promote and advocate the vision and inclusive musical opportunities that DMH offers
- Advise and respond to matters and initiatives arising from partner and curriculum network groups
- Input into Arts Council England Evaluation documents
- Confirm Hub projects and allocate funding responding to need

Membership of the Board is reviewed at the first meeting of each academic year to ensure the board has suitable breadth and representation.

Board Member Responsibilities

- Approve the annual budget and scrutinise regular financial information to ensure that DMH remains within the agreed budgetary framework
- Promote and monitor DMH's commitment to Equality and Diversity in all aspects of its work
- Ensure that DMH does not breach any of the requirements of funding agreements

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying to be a board member, please send a **letter of application** to paul.davies@doncaster.gov.uk explaining why you would like to be a part of the Board and the relevant skills and experience that you would bring to the role. If you have any additional requirements, or require any support in applying for the role, do get in touch. There is more information about the Hub and the work of the partners here:

<https://thepoint.org.uk/doncastermusiceducationhub/>

The closing date for application **27/01/2023**. After the closing date for applications, all applicants will be contacted. Interviews will take place week commencing 06/02/2023

We are hopeful of appointing in preparation for the Spring Term 2023.

Your personal information will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, and the General Data Protection Regulation 2018

We look forward to hearing from you.

