



## **Recruitment for Lancashire Youth Folk Project Musical Director**

Lancashire Music Hub are seeking an experienced folk musician and leader to work on an exciting project with young musicians from across the County.

The Lancashire Youth Folk Project will run from May 2019 until November 2019 with 7 rehearsals and 2 performances. The group will work on both traditional and devised music.

Rehearsals are scheduled to take place on Saturdays from 10am – 3.30pm and will take place in Preston (venue TBC). Proposed dates for the summer term are:

Saturday 4 May, Saturday 18 May, Saturday 1 June, Saturday 15 June

The first performance will be on Thursday 27 June with a rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday 26 June.

Autumn term dates are to be confirmed.

### **ROLE INFORMATION**

- The rate of pay is £30 p/h (the successful candidate will be responsible for their own tax and NI)
- The role is subject to satisfactory references and the successful candidate will undergo an enhanced DBS check through Lancashire County Council.
- We are committed to achieving equality of opportunity both in the delivery of services to the community and employment arrangements.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To manage and deliver a high-level musical experience, appropriate to the members of the ensemble through the development and implementation of a structured programme of training, rehearsal and performing
- To take overall responsibility for the safeguarding of children and young people in the Lancashire Youth Folk Project
- To work closely with tutors and Music Service management and support staff

### **DUTIES INCLUDE**

- Providing inspiring leadership for the Lancashire Youth Folk Project at rehearsals and performances and supporting the students' musical development
- Responsibility for the overall supervision and safeguarding of students in attendance at all Lancashire Youth Folk Project events
- Selection of appropriate repertoire with support from tutors

- Leading the process of devising new music and arranging in collaboration with the students
- Working with the Music Service management to plan and coordinate rehearsals and events
- To provide leadership and direction for tutors
- Working closely with the Business Support Officer to make sure all members' information is up to date and to ensure good communication with parents/carers
- Assisting in recruitment, promotion and publicity of the project
- To support other musical opportunities promoted by the Music Service and Lancashire Music Hub and to signpost students as appropriate
- Attendance at meetings as required
- Observe the Lancashire Music Service's Safeguarding, health and safety policy to ensure the welfare and safety of all ensemble members

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

### **Education**

- Music Degree/Diploma or equivalent

### **Experience**

- Significant leadership experience working with young musicians in a group of mixed abilities
- Experience of planning and managing rehearsals and other activities, including devising and arranging new music with groups and the selection of appropriate repertoire
- Experience supervising and managing groups of children and young people

### **Knowledge/Skills/Abilities**

- Excellent knowledge of folk repertoire
- Knowledge of techniques involved on a wide range of folk instruments
- Ability to work creatively with groups, devising and arranging music
- Communicate successfully with young people
- Inspire and lead a developing ensemble
- Excellent organisational skills
- Understanding of the duties and responsibilities involved in supervising and managing a group of children and young people, including a commitment to safeguarding
- Ability to work as a team and to build positive relationships with colleagues
- A commitment to reflective practice and continued professional development

**To apply please email your CV, 2 references and a covering letter with details of how you meet the person specification to [cath.sewell@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:cath.sewell@lancashire.gov.uk). Please email if you would like to arrange an informal chat about this opportunity. **Closing date Thursday 28 March.** Interviews and auditions will take place in Preston on Tuesday 2 April 2019.**