

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 42,500 opportunities for children and young people to engage in music tuition annually, generating more than 350 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

Music Generation Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Locally, Music Generation Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (DLR) is managed by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Music Education Partnership (MEP), led by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in partnership with Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Southside Partnership DLR, Blackrock Education Centre, IADT, UCD and Crosscare.

Music Generation DLR contracts local Music Schools and providers to provide group tuition in a range of settings and locations throughout Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. These include early years' and primary school settings, Family Resource Centres, Community Training Centres and secondary schools. Music Generation DLR has developed a strong partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries and work with all of the library branches in the county to develop a wide range of music programmes that are open to all ages.

Music Generation DLR programme roll out began in 2018 as part of Phase 2 of Music Generation. As of November 2019, Music Generation DLR works with 23 musicians from five local Music Schools to deliver weekly group tuition for children and young people in 42 locations around the county. The programme also engages with over 1,000 children and young people through library events and other occasions each year, including Crinniú na nÓg, The Airfield Festival of Food, the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Festival of Inclusion and a number of summer programmes.

The Music Generation DLR team is made up of the Music Development Officer and a full time Administrator and the office is based at the Front entrance of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall on Marine Road in Dún Laoghaire.

The programmes are as follows:

EXPLORATION:

An introduction to performance music through singing, percussion and movement in early years' settings and libraries throughout the county for children aged up to 5.

ADVENTURE:

Group performance music tuition delivered in primary school settings throughout the county. Instruments available for tuition are ukulele, guitar, violin, cello and percussion for children and young people aged between 5 and 12.

SOJURN:

This programme sees the development of performance music education for children and young people with additional needs. For 2019/2020 Music Generation DLR is working in three settings with children and young people from 5 to 14.

QUEST:

A programme of music performance and band development for young people aged between 12 and 18. The programme encompasses performance, song writing, music production and recording and is available in a number of locations through the county.

VOYAGE:

A series of workshops and performances in schools and libraries throughout Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown to promote and develop an interest in music performance with children and young people aged 0-18 throughout the county.

For more information please see: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicGenerationdlr/>