

Perspectives on Progression: Setting the Context

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Overview

- ‘Progression’?
- ‘Progression’ – Music Generation?
- ‘Progression’ – Music Learning and Teaching
- Challenges in relation to ‘Progression’
- Implications for Policy

‘Progression’?

- **Gradual advancement/change...**
a gradual ‘change’ or advancement from one state to another
- **Forward movement...**
movement forward or onward

‘Progression’ – Music Generation

Advancement / Change / Forward movement

- Provision
- Access
- Participation
- Range of opportunities for musical engagement
- Valuing and facilitating diversity
- Expanding the pedagogical discourse and methods
- Professional development for music education practitioners

‘Progression’ – Learning and Teaching

Advancement / Change / Forward movement

What we want to do is really simple. We just want to make sure that everyone whatever their background, gets access to music tuition. That’s the idea. (Bono)

We hope that Music Generation will inspire Ireland’s young musicians, who might not otherwise get access to such valuable teaching. (U2)

‘Progression’ – Learning and Teaching

Advancement / Change / Forward movement

a child should emerge from a lesson a little altered (Salaman)

teaching only occurs if, as a consequence, there is some change in the learner (Swanwick)

Music Education – Progressive and Cumulative

‘Progression’ – Challenges

- **How to check for learning?**
- **How to ensure progression is happening?**
- **How to provide appropriate pathways for individual students?**
- **How to deal with and continue to ensure diversity?**
- **How to define concepts of ‘progression’, ‘quality’ and ‘standards’ in the context of a national system?**
- **How to manage these challenges at the levels of:
teacher / programme / local music
education partnership / Music Generation /
Dept. of Education and Skills**

Implications for Policy

- **Programme planning and development**
- **Professional development and support for music education practitioners**
- **Research**

Implications for Policy: Planning for ‘Progression’

Programme /Curriculum Development

- Aims and objectives
- Expected Learning Outcomes
- Content
- Pedagogical approaches
- Materials and resources
- Assessment and evaluation

Planning for 'Progression'

Assessment for Learning:

- formal -----informal
- formative----- summative
- process-----product
- teacher-----student
- internal-----external

Teacher Roles and Competences

Performer & Artistic Role Model

Planner & Organiser

Advocate, Networker, Collaborator

Communicator & Pedagogue

Reflective Practitioner

Facilitator

Teacher Professional Development



Professional Development: Teacher Competences

Teacher as Planner and Organiser

- plan implement and evaluate appropriate programmes of study
- formulate and communicate clear short-term, medium-term and long-term objectives, for and in conjunction with, individuals, groups and ensembles
- monitor, evaluate and assess student progress, making use of a range of assessment strategies

Implications for Policy: Research

- **Research *on* Music Generation**
- **Research which *informs* Music Generation**



Conclusion