

# Music Generation South Dublin

## Music Education Development Manager

South Dublin County was recently selected for participation in Music Generation - Ireland's National Music Education Programme initiated by Music Network and co-funded by U2 and The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Local Music Education Partnerships.

Music Generation South Dublin now seeks to employ a Music Education Development Manager with the skills and the capacity to initiate, drive and sustain the artistic and developmental vision for performance music education in the county.

The position is key to the delivery of a service which will provide a quality experience for children and young people in the county and develop access, engagement and participation in music at local level.

The opportunity exists within this role to build on the strategic direction and plans already established for a sustainable programme; to contribute to programme development over time and shape the implementation, planning and programme roll out.

Music Generation South Dublin envisages this position to be filled by a creative thinker and proactive self-starter, who is highly organised, with the capacity to work across a range of disciplines in a number of roles including: music, music education, arts management, education, community engagement and partnership development.

### Music Generation South Dublin

Music Generation South Dublin takes in the administrative area of South Dublin County including Tallaght, Lucan, Rathfarnham, Clondalkin and the rural areas of Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle and Brittas.

Music Generation South Dublin aims:

- To create the foundation for a sustainable, enriching and inclusive music education service in the county which will inspire and engage children and young people to participate in active music-making regardless of socio-economic circumstances or geographical location, via a blend of provision in Community Music Hubs and in-school / after-school programmes.
- To develop a high-quality music education service which reflects the needs of children and young people of the county, focuses on choral and band development elements towards the creation of a County Choir and County Youth Ensemble, and creates a **Signature Sound** for South Dublin through performance opportunities which have a distinct identity for music specific to the County.
- To provide programme elements which are artistically-led, challenging and engaging for children and young people and which enable them to develop their creativity and exploration through music.

## **ROLE OF MUSIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

An essential element of this role will be the ability to create meaningful relationships and effective communications with all stakeholders for Music Generation in the county, from the Steering Group, through local organisations and infrastructure, to the child/young person for whom the programme has ultimately been designed.

Key elements of the role include:

- Implementation of the strategic plan for Music Generation South Dublin
- Development of the scope and depth of Music Generation South Dublin in response to local need
- Recruitment and management of a team of musicians to deliver a range of tuition programmes
- Design and implementation of a range of continuous professional development supports for musicians
- Developing partnerships and close working relationships with a network of agencies, organisations, groups and individuals within the public, private, community and voluntary sectors
- Managing the promotion and marketing of all aspects of the Music Generation South Dublin programme in association with the Music Generation National Development Office
- Budget management and the identification of additional sources of programme funding
- Monitoring all aspects of the programme
- Providing effective and ongoing programme evaluation and quality assurance
- Regular reporting to South Dublin Music Education Partnership
- Working with the Music Generation National Development Office in establishing, developing and evaluating the services of Music Generation South Dublin
- Participation in the Music Generation National Network

Part-time clerical support will be provided to this position.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- An appropriate qualification in music, music education or area relevant professional qualification from a recognised Institution is essential.
- A postgraduate qualification in arts administration, arts management and/or community development (desirable)

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Previous experience in arts administration preferably in music education or outreach roles
- Management of arts / education programme planning & design (preferably in music/music education in a community context)
- Demonstrable experience in working with creative professionals (artists/musicians)
- Evidence of leadership capacity to champion, energise, motivate and deliver successful results

## SKILLS

- A clear understanding of music education across a range of ages, genres of music and contexts, from pre-school age to young adults in formal and informal settings
- Excellent management and organisational skills, with a strong capacity to balance competing priorities, work under pressure and meet multiple deadlines
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal) including report writing
- Excellent understanding of financial management and the capability to manage and present budgets

The salary is €44,849 per annum. The post is being offered on the basis of a fixed-term contract for a period of three years.



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