

## **Music Hubs combine to inspire music education opportunities in the region**

**A joint bid to Arts Council England has been successful in uniting Nottinghamshire and Nottingham music hubs to deliver music education opportunities in the region.**

From September 2024 the new music hub consortium led by Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries with Nottingham Music Service will increase the range and reach of music opportunities across the region for communities, children and young people.

With existing partnerships in place at a local, regional and national level, the joint force of Inspire and Nottingham Music Service will support the delivery of the Local Plan for Music Education and provide progression routes and inclusive access for children and young people. At the heart of the hub consortium lies the shared passion that every child and young person should have the opportunity for high-quality musical experiences regardless of their background or ability.

The funding gives the consortium scope to develop school/CPD networks and identify and remove barriers to participation. Developing skills and

partnerships to support progression routes for young people into creative industries will be key through the ongoing delivery of bold, innovative and inclusive programs. Together, the hub will make a lasting and positive difference in the lives of thousands of children and young people across the region, empowering young musicians and inspiring a lifelong love of music in communities across the city and county.

**Peter Gaw, CEO Inspire commented,**

“We are delighted that our application to be the Hub Lead Organisation was successful. As a consortium partnership covering Nottinghamshire and Nottingham, Inspire and Nottingham Music Service plan to coordinate with our partners to increase the range and reach of our work with children and young people. The funding will give us scope to build on our respective provision, but also look for collaborative ways to enrich our programmes across City and County.”

**Ian Burton, CEO of Nottingham Music Service added,**

“The new hub consortium represents a positive step forward in the collective effort to make music education more accessible and impactful across the region. By uniting with Inspire under a shared vision of world-class music education for all, we will provide an inclusive and vibrant musical education landscape”.

For more information about Inspire the lead hub organisation visit

Culture, Learning and Libraries visit [inspireculture.org.uk/nottsmusichub](https://inspireculture.org.uk/nottsmusichub)

For more information about the work of Nottingham Music Service please visit: [nottinghammusichub.org.uk](https://nottinghammusichub.org.uk)

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Inspire is a Community Benefit Society which delivers a range of cultural, art, library and learning services. These services are funded by Nottinghamshire County Council, The Arts Council of England, Education and Skills funding agencies. Set up in April 2016, Inspire is an independent organisation that has charitable aims and status and covers:

- Libraries
- Archives
- Arts
- Adult learning
- College
- Education Library Service
- Nottinghamshire Music Hub
- Instrumental Music Teaching
- Youth Arts

Inspire's Nottinghamshire Music Hub is a group of music organisations and schools working together to provide the best possible music making opportunities for children and young people in Nottinghamshire through key stage 1 to 5. We are supported by public funding from the DfE and Arts Council England.

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**Nottingham Music Service:** We believe that music makes a difference. As a registered charity and lead partner for the Nottingham Music Education Hub, we are committed to making music more accessible and inclusive. We run or support instrumental tuition in the majority of schools in Nottingham City. We also support young people from across the city to develop their musical skills by participating in our diverse ensembles and performances, contributing to the cultural life of our great city.

Nottingham Music Service became an independent charity in April 2014 and receives funding from Arts Council England and the Department for Education.

For more information about the work of Nottingham Music Hub, please visit:

[www.nottinghammusic.org.uk](http://www.nottinghammusic.org.uk)

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