



The Leicester-Shire
Music and Cultural Trust

Registered Charity Number: 1163682

The Leicester-Shire Music and Cultural Trust (LMCT)

Inspiring Young People through Music for Life

Do you want music to help make a difference to young people's lives?

Information for potential Volunteers - including requirements and how to apply.

1. What is The LMCT?

The LMCT is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission that works alongside The Leicester-Shire Music Education Hub (LMEH) to run certain musical activities for young people and enable income from gift aid and charitable grants to improve all young people's musical opportunities still further.

LMCT has clear 'Charitable Objects' as required by Charity Law; these have been agreed by the Hub, Trustees and the Charity Commission to be:

- *To advance education in music and the arts, for the benefit of the public of Leicester City, Leicestershire and elsewhere.*
- *To advance the arts particularly, but not wholly, by promoting and facilitating access to and performance of music and other art forms.*
- *To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.*

Initially, LMCT will gradually take over the funding and part of the running of the following Musical activities:

- Evening and Weekend Ensembles
- Network Ensembles
- Tours and Concert Promotions
- Performances
- Musical Activities that are privately funded rather than Arts Council funded
- Fundraising (for the above activities)

All decisions about the running of the charity are taken by the trustees, who are unpaid volunteers. In addition to the trustees, the charity will be more effective, if helped by additional volunteers.

Volunteers could do a range of different tasks that help our young musicians in the City and County...

- **Help transport children to and from local music clubs at different schools**
- **Organise raffles or collections at concerts and other events**
- **Help to organise equipment etc at events**

- **Help to publicise the work of the charity in your local area**
- **Help to write fundraising applications or organise fundraising events**
- **Organise refreshments for concertgoers, players and singers.**
- **Support Children and young people on occasions at Saturday morning activities**
- **Be a photographer at events and build a media archive**

There are probably lots of other ways to help too - if you have an idea, please let us know.

2. What does it take to be a volunteer?

You don't need to be an 'expert', but it does help if you have some of the skills and abilities listed below:

- **Enthusiasm**
- **Reliability**
- **Honesty**
- **Creativity**
- **Interested in young people and their success**
- **Interested in music**
- **Well organised**
- **Good team player**
- **Be able to enjoy and carry out the volunteer role you are keen on**
- **Common sense and a good sense of humour are helpful as well!!**

You will also need to be available at certain times, depending on what you would like to do.

If you volunteer to do tasks with children and young people, you will need to be DBS checked. (If you don't know much about this, don't worry - we will explain it to you). Certain tasks cannot be carried out without one.

Some basic training may be required and we would like our team to get to know each other, so some attendance at meetings may be required

3. What do I do next?

If you are keen to help, please send an email to leicsmct@gmail.com , or a short letter to LCB Depot, 31 Rutland Street, Leicester, LE1 1RE, saying

- Why you would like to volunteer
- What task or tasks you would like to do
- Please suggest any tasks not mentioned here that you think might be helpful
- Please head your email or letter "Volunteer expression of Interest"
- If you are sending a letter, it would be good if you could include a contact telephone number

If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to email them to us.

Thank you for your interest