Job Description: Together with Music Assistant Connector - Northern Ireland

Together with Music (TwM) Overview

Intergenerational Music Making in partnership with Care England launched 'Together with Music' in December 2020 as a response to the pandemic. TwM is a programme working to create intergenerational links with ***every care home and school / youth group throughout the UK using music as the catalyst.***

The aims are simple:

- To tackle loneliness and isolation amongst some of the most vulnerable in our community
- Support mental health and wellbeing across the generations
- Ultimately, to encourage community connections both now, in this new virtual world and in the future when we can be together in person once again

This initiative strengthens and builds upon links between education, health and community organisations adopting music as a conduit for sharing cultural heritage, providing a physical and emotional bond and enhancing individual identity for the young and old.

To date, TwM has over 1000 members registered on the TwM platform (www.togetherwithmusic.org.uk) across the UK including care homes, assisted living settings, community groups, schools, music groups, choirs and more.

All member care homes are matched to a local school or community group to establish an intergenerational link. They then embark on a set of challenges (Bronze, Silver & Gold) together. Firstly, both the care home residents and the young people choose songs that are meaningful to them and share them with each other using the TwM platform (Bronze). This musical introduction acts as a vehicle into further connection, creativity and stronger community links across the UK. TwM members then go on to share messages of hope (Silver), continuing their intergenerational relationship and finally to achieve their Gold award, they will take part in an organised meet & green either online or in person (Gold!). Beyond these challenges, members are encouraged to embed intergenerational practise into their everyday lives; TwM offers the opportunity to enhance and continue the intergenerational relationship through training, workshops and consultancy tailored to the individual member.

The role of the team of **TwM Connectors** is vital to the success of the programme, ensuring that groups are linked smoothly, offering ongoing support as well as embedding practice, training and guidance for both groups.

Currently, the Connector team covers the following regions:

Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, North West, North East & Yorkshire, South East, London, South West, Midlands & East of England.

We now have the scope to expand within Northern Ireland providing support for our existing NI Connector. The role of Assistant Connector is a newly created role in order to provide this support.

Job Description:

Candidates must be:

- Highly organised
- Engaging
- Committed
- Passionate
- Excellent communicator
- Able to work effectively as part of a team

The job role includes:

- Reporting to the TwM Connector for Northern Ireland - offering admin and member support as needed
- Assisting with the updating of back office website (member approval, admin and content approval)
- Being a point of contact for TwM members in the relevant region as delegated by the NI Connector
- Communicating effectively with members individually as well as collectively where needed
- Actively pursuing an intergenerational link for new members if not already available in partnership with the NI Connector
- Supporting and guiding members through the TwM journey of connection in partnership with the NI Connector
- Keeping up to date with admin (updating regional spreadsheet as needed, reporting back to NI Connector on progress and aims for coming week)
- Contributing to and assisting on additional TwM initiatives such as TwM LIVE sessions and other seasonal / ad hoc events as needed
- Working as part of the whole Connector team to provide consistency across the programme, sharing of ideas, supporting each other

Experience needed:

- Working on back office of website not essential, but preferable. Full training provided
- Experience of Office programmes - word, excel, powerpoint and use of Googledrive
- Experience liaising with community groups, education sector and / or care sector desirable but not essential
- Experience in building relationships with others - eg. clients / customers
- Experience working intergenerationally not essential but preferable
- Music / arts experience not essential but preferable or an interest, appreciation, passion for music and its benefits

6 month contract to start as soon as possible. Home based working. Successful candidates will need to provide their own equipment - ie. Laptop / computer and phone.

Part time self-employed position (10 hours per week for maximum of 40 hours per month to be invoiced monthly) at rate of £11 per hour

We will offer initial full training and ongoing support throughout. There will also be options for continuing professional and personal development through external training and workshops.

If you are interested in joining our team please send a cover letter along with your CV, stating which region you are applying for to Vicki Smith, TwM Team Manager: vicki@imm-music.com

www.togetherwithmusic.org.uk
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Application deadline is Friday 8th October 2021.

Equality & Diversity

IMM are committed to providing services which embrace diversity and that promote equality of opportunity. We accept people for who they are, regardless of age, disability, gender identity, marital status, race, sex, faith or belief, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, and whether you're pregnant or on family leave.

We are committed to equality and diversity for our staff and patients. We believe that any form of discrimination is unacceptable, we aim to put this commitment into practice by:

- Embedding our commitment to tackling inequality, eliminating discrimination and harassment; promoting equality of opportunity and fostering good relations in our everyday practice
- Ensuring that all our services and all staff understand and support our commitment
- We believe that people who use our services, their carers and our staff, should be treated with compassion, respect and dignity