Fingal County Council is inviting expressions of interest from musicians and schools who wish to participate in a new music education initiative titled Musician-in-Residence Programme 2019-2021.

The purpose of the Musician-in-Residence programme is to add value to the music education children receive through the primary school curriculum. It supports schools to deliver instrumental or choral tuition; and assists teachers build their capacity for music teaching.

Julie Clarke, Youth & Education Arts Officer for Fingal County Council said, “A number of Fingal primary schools have expressed a significant interest in providing additional high quality musical experiences for their students over the years. However, cost and expertise have been identified as key barriers and Fingal County Council wants to address these concerns within this new initiative.”
Musicians have an opportunity to express their interest in being included on a Musicians' Panel, with a view to delivering high quality music tuition to children in primary schools in Fingal beginning September 2019. Adopting a ‘musician-in-residence’ model, the musician will visit the school regularly to deliver music lessons to a group of children identified by the school. The musician will build a working relationship with the school, advise the school at the planning stage, design a proposal at the planning stage, and deliver the lessons at implementation stage. Schools are offered an opportunity to apply for partnership support to initiate a new music project, or develop an existing music project within their school. The school must match fund the proposed amount they apply for and commit to a two year agreement with Fingal Arts Office to develop the project.

Schools who wish to partner with other schools in making an application may do so if they can identify a rationale for this approach. This method might work well for schools with established programmes that now wish to expand and share expertise and experience with another school in Fingal. This is an opportunity for schools and musicians to share the wonderful gift of music.

The application deadline for both schools and musicians is March 8 2019, and application guidelines, criteria and forms can be downloaded from www.fingal.ie/education

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