

Call for musicians

Every person has a song to sing and every person deserves the opportunity to discover and share their song.

'Canfod y Gân / Discover the Song' aims to transform lives through music. We would like to hear from enthusiastic freelance musicians who are eager to contribute towards the vision and potential of this far-reaching project. We invite expressions of interest from practitioners who are able to provide integrated music sessions and opportunities for individuals (16 year olds +) with and without learning disabilities, to develop their musical strengths and interests individually and as part of a group.

Running of the project

Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias (CGWM), in partnership with Gwynedd Council's Learning Disabilities team, has recently secured funding from Spirit of 2012 Music Challenge Fund (www.spiritof2012.org.uk) to deliver a three year programme 'Canfod y Gân / Discover the Song' which will bring disabled and non-disabled people (aged 16+) together to participate as equals in regular music activities with the aim of improving mental health and wellbeing, as well as changing the perceptions of individuals and the wider community towards disability.

From the end of April 2019, three groups will meet every fortnight in Harlech, Pwllheli and Caernarfon area. Every six months, the groups will perform publicly either in their community or in music festivals locally and/or nationally. We would like to hear from musicians who could lead these groups regularly as well as musicians who can provide occasional specialist sessions. The groups will follow the lead of its members. We are keen to provide a range of musical experiences in a variety of genres, styles and techniques

We would like to hear from musicians who have

- strong musical skills e.g performing, improvisation, composition, song composition.
- The ability to facilitate and co-ordinate relations through music within the group.
- The ability to facilitate the musical journey of the individual, their self-expression and their ability to be heard.
- Strong interpersonal skills that will ensure a positive experience for the group members, that will contribute towards the social aspect of the sessions that are all-important for its members.
- The ability to lead and/or collaborate bilingually.
- An understanding of safeguarding and providing a positive and supportive atmosphere.

The project will provide opportunities for musicians to acquire training and mentoring in providing integrated music sessions, and to support them within a pool of musicians across North Wales who are able to provide a rich array of experiences that benefit individuals and groups within the community.

How to express your interest

Please send a copy of your CV and a covering email noting the following:

- If you are interested in the role of a musical leader or specialist occasional musician, and your specific skills.
- Relevant experiences
- Name and contact details of two references.

Send your expression of interest to Mared Gwyn-Jones – mared@cgwm.org.uk by the **11th of March**.

A satisfactory DBS check will be needed for musicians involved in this project as it involves regular contact with vulnerable adults and individuals under 18 years old.

If you have any questions, or if you'd like an informal conversation, contact Meinir Llwyd Roberts on or Mared Gwyn-Jones on 01286 685230.