

South East London Music Hub

Intro

South East London Music Hub are looking to appoint an independent Chair for their new Hub Advisory Group. This voluntary role will make a substantial contribution to the strategic development of music education for children and young people across South East London. We are keen to hear from a diverse range of applicants with relevant experience and interests.

Context

Since 2012, Music Education Hubs have provided a wide range of activity for children and young people in their respective boroughs. An organisation in each local authority/council area has been funded to be the 'lead partner' for the area's Music Hub. This funding comes from Department for Education with Arts Council England as the fund holder.

When the new [National Plan for Music Education](#) was published in June 2022, it included an ambition for there to be a smaller number of Music Hub's across England. After a consultation process, Arts Council England published [this map](#) showing the new Hub areas reduced from 117 to 43. The South-East London Hub area comprises the boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, and Southwark.

The existing lead organisations in South East London came together as a consortium to write a bid and in April 2024 we heard that our application was successful.

From 1st September 2024, SEL Music Education Limited (a Company Limited by Guarantee) will become the Hub Lead Organisation for South East London Music Hub.

The Principal Partners of the South East London Music Hub will be:

- Bexley Music (part of London South East Academies Trust)
- Bromley Youth Music Trust
- Greenwich Music Service (part of Royal Borough of Greenwich Council)
- Lambeth Music Service (part of Lambeth Council)
- Lewisham Music
- Southwark Music (part of Southwark Council)

We're delighted to have an amazing mix of partner organisations in the wider South East London Hub partnership:

ABRSM
Artstrain
Blackheath Halls
Charanga
Grounded Sounds
Kinetika Bloco
London Music Fund
London Philharmonic Orchestra
London Symphony Orchestra
Music Mark
Open Up Music / Open Orchestras
Peabody
SingUp
Sound Connections
Southbank Centre
Southbank Sinfonia
Tomorrow's Warriors
Tramshed
Trinity College London

Music Hub Advisory Group

South East London Music Hub Advisory Group will work with the hub to use impartial, evidenced-based decision making to allocate resources and oversee activities in a transparent manner.

The Advisory Group is independent of the South East London Music Education Ltd. Board of Directors and Executive Group.

The group will have the skills to support and challenge strategic decisions made by SELMH, for example, needs analysis and development of the Music Hub's Local Plan for Music Education (LPME).

The group will likely include schools, arts organisations, parents/carers, council teams, professional musicians, and youth representatives.

[This diagram](#) gives an overview of the overall governance and structure of South East London Music Hub.

A full terms of reference for the Advisory Group can be found [here](#).

Roles and responsibilities

- Providing challenge and oversight to the Hub Lead Organisation
- Ensuring the SE London Advisory Group works within its agreed Terms of Reference
- Chairing termly meetings of the SE London Advisory Group
- Promoting a culture of openness and debate by facilitating effective contributions from all members of the Advisory Group
- Agreeing agendas with the Executive Group ahead of meetings
- Representing/attending key meetings with Arts Council England
- Acting as an advocate for the Hub externally

Skills/Knowledge/Experience

Ability to act impartially	E
Board/Committee experience	D
Ability to chair meetings effectively	E
Commitment to, and understanding of equity, diversity, and inclusion	E
Passion for music education	E
Experience of working with a broad range of stakeholders	D
Ability to think strategically and creatively	E
Ability to build strong working relationships	E
Knowledge and understanding of the education, cultural and community landscape as experienced by CYP in SE London	E
Understanding of budgets and management accounts	D

E - Essential
D - Desirable

How to apply?

Please send a CV and covering letter to info@southeastlondonmusicclub.org.uk by 9am on Monday 23rd September 2024.

Please contact this email address if you have any questions or would like an informal talk about this opportunity before applying.