

MPN NEWSLETTER



SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022

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22/23 MPN SLA NOW OPEN

The schools SLA portal is now open and schools are being encouraged to purchase all SLA packages by 23rd April to secure the early bird offers. Please visit our [website](#) to download the brochure. All purchases are made through the school SLA portal [here](#). Need a little help deciding? Contact: Fiona.Johnstone@northumberland.gov.uk



BUILDING BLOCKS GOES DOWN A STORM!

Designed for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1, MPN's Building Blocks SLA programme is proving to be very popular. We have a growing team of Early Years tutors working across the county delivering weekly music sessions. Students explore songs, rhymes and games, developing fundamental music skills from an early age. Sign up [today](#).

SINGING OPPORTUNITIES THIS SPRING

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YOUNG SINGERS ARE INVITED TO APPLY NOW FOR SAMLING ACADEMY 2022/23

Samling Academy is open to singers aged 14 and over who live or study in North East England. There are no specific music grade requirements, but it is expected that those applying to Samling Academy already have some singing experience. The deadline for applications is **13th March**. [More info](#)



IT'S A SING THING

NEWCASTLE SINGS

This new and exciting project is aimed at students aged between 11-18 who live in our region and who would like to sing with others. Workshops start on **2nd April** at Newcastle University and run until June 22. Students will work with vocal leaders to co-create a new piece of music with a professional composer. The showcase concert will be on 18th June 2022. To register click [here](#)



NORTH EAST FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGES - EXPRESS YOURSELF

Have you signed up your school to be involved in the festival of languages? North East schools and groups are invited to sing, sign, play, perform and film their festival song "I am a small part of the world". All videos have to be returned by **15th March**. MPN's celebration compilation video will be a centrepiece of the festival. Click [here](#) to sign up and receive FREE resources.



YOUNG SINGERS INTENSIVE

Join other young people from across the North East passionate about singing, for a weekend of learning new music and developing musical skills.

30 April & 1 May 10am-4pm, Sunderland City Hall. (2 online workshops in advance, dates tbc)

Who is it for? - keen singers Y6 to Y9, all voice types and musical backgrounds, music reading is not expected. Free to take part and support available for travel costs if needed. Click [here](#) for teachers to nominate young singers & also for young singers to apply directly

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STUDENTS CAN NOW JOIN WORKSHOPS REMOTELY

BCMG will be running a blended Creative Composing Lab 10am – 6pm on Sunday 13 March in Birmingham, however participants are welcome to join remotely via Zoom. This is a fantastic free opportunity for any young musicians you may work with who would like to develop their composition skills. For more info click [here](#).



MPN ARE RECRUITING TUTORS

Do you know someone who would like to join our fantastic team of highly motivated and talented music tutors? MPN are actively recruiting staff to sign up to our tutor bank. We are particularly looking for woodwind and keyboard tutors. Contact Richard.Johnstone@northumberland.gov.uk for more information.



FAMILIES CAN APPLY FOR SUPPORT FROM MPN CHARITY

MPN Charity works in supporting all students during their music studies, But they can only do it with the support from people like **YOU!** Can you spare time to get involved in the charity? Do you know someone who would? Would you like to make a financial donation to help the students of the North East. Click [here](#) to find out what you can do to help the next generation of young musicians!



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