

JOB DESCRIPTION - Music Ensemble Leader, The Strathearn Fiddle Band

LOCATION: STRATHEARN ARTS, CRIEFF

TERM: FIXED TERM – beginning September 2025

HOURS: Term time only, 3.25 hours a week for approx. 24 weeks

HOURLY RATE: £42.50 an hour (Musicians' Union rates)

As a self-employed contractor, you will be responsible for your own tax and national insurance contributions.

This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure Scotland check.

Overview

We're looking for an enthusiastic and skilled music leader to lead a new youth music ensemble at Strathearn Arts. The music leader will be responsible for leading rehearsals of a mixed-instrument folk group covering for two age ranges (7-11 and 11-17), arranging suitable music, and leading occasional performances. The music leader will be supported by the administrative team at Strathearn Arts.

Strathearn Arts is a community owned arts organisation which delivers an annual programme of multi-artform events. Situated in Crieff's town centre, we have recently been awarded funding by Foundation Scotland to pilot a mixed-instrument youth music ensemble at our arts centre.

Key Duties & Responsibilities

Successful candidates will possess the following:

- Experience in music teaching for strings
- Experience leading music ensembles with a music service or similar organisation
- Good communication skills with children and families
- Able to support young players of various folk instruments, with different levels of ability
- Able to work alongside the office administration team
- Ability to work using own initiative
- An awareness of safeguarding responsibilities and procedures

Ensemble rehearsals will take place on a weekday afternoon/evening (likely Mondays 4.30 till 7pm, tbc).

Your days and hours of working will flex to meet the business needs and may include some weekend and evening work.

Interested applicants should complete the short application form at www.strathearnarts.org/workwithus and include a short CV detailing their musical experience and relevant qualifications along with a brief covering letter. Please also indicate any specific restrictions or preferences you might have for your working hours as described above.

Please also provide contact details for 2 referees that you would be willing for us to contact if we offer you the role.

Based on the CVs and covering letters we receive, and using the above selection criteria, a shortlist of candidates will be invited to interview on Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th August. If you are unavailable on these dates, please make this clear in your covering letter.

DEADLINE: Sunday 3rd August

For more information about The Strathearn Fiddle Band, please visit https://www.strathearnarts.org/the-strathearn-fiddle-band

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