

CME Apprenticeship Slough Music Service, the lead organisation for Slough Music Education Hub, seeks to appoint instrumental and vocal musicians for the position of intern / apprentice seeking to gain experience in instrumental teaching and music education.

Slough Music Service is the local music service for Slough, Berkshire, and the lead organisation of the Slough Music Education Hub. We are a not for profit service, part of Slough Borough Council's Education and Children's Services and funded by central government. We serve over 25,000 pupils in 5 nursery schools, 29 primary schools, 9 non-selective secondary schools, 4 grammar schools and 3 special schools, as well as supporting musical activity in a variety of other settings across the authority. We provide music lessons, training, music curriculum support, orchestras, bands, choirs and events in and outside school for children and young people in Slough.

Vocal and instrumental lessons take place within school venues and our Slough Music Centre is held on a Thursday after school for young musicians of Slough to come together to make music. We are a small and unique, contemporary music service which caters for the needs of its community and strives to deliver high quality creative music teaching and experiences for the children and young people of Slough.

Our key aims are:

- To provide creative, inspiring, life-long musical experiences for all in our community
- To develop and support exceptional music leaders for teaching and learning in the 21st century
- To meet and value the needs and aspirations of every young musician in Slough
- To enable and encourage every family in Slough to be a musical family

Our ethos is underpinned by the principals and values of Creativity, Sustainability, Diversity and Individuality

Successful candidates:

- Undertake the Certificate of Music Educator's (CME) course offered in conjunction with East Sussex Music Service.
- Will work with other experienced Slough Music Service colleagues in schools delivering instrumental / vocal whole class lessons as part of a team
- Observe, assist and lead small group and individual teaching
- Assist and lead music centre activities, including orchestras and choirs
- Attend events and projects, assisting management staff and facilitating musicians / teachers
- Perform necessary office duties - ranging from instrumental upkeep, database maintenance, social media connection, publicity, project planning and day to day administration

The apprenticeship programme will include:

- Instruction in teaching pedagogy
- First-hand experience in lesson planning and delivery
- Develop knowledge of schemes of work and repertoire
- Development of ensemble leading
- Mentoring from experienced colleagues
- Peer learning and observation
- Understanding of music service operations
- Participation in staff training and CPD

The CME course has five online study modules, assessment tasks as well as a CPD programme running alongside that supports learning. Following acceptance onto the course you will be supported by a mentor

who will guide you through the course. It is a level 4 accredited qualification linked to a flexible programme of learning. It encourages music educators to develop new skills, consolidate their understanding of the purposes of music education, and build upon their reflective practice, with the ultimate goal of enhancing their contribution to the musical learning of children and young people.

The CME comprises 5 modules:

1. Children, Young People and their Musical Worlds
2. Music education for inclusion, diversity and equality
3. Creative and musical approaches to pedagogy
4. Planning for Musical learning and experience
5. The Music Teacher as professional, including safeguarding

Apprenticeship Benefits:

- Practical learning experience with skilled music / instrumental teachers
- First-hand experience working with children and young people in school settings
- Staff training and Continued Professional Development (CPD)
- Safe learning environment and ongoing support
- Further employment as a peripatetic instrumental / vocal teacher

The post is suitable for musicians and music educators who work with children and young people, including:

- Instrumental and vocal teachers
- Community musicians and workshop leaders
- Professional musicians that undertake educational activities
- College and university leavers, possibly having completed a music course
- Who are new entrants to the profession of instrumental teaching and music education

Successful candidates will work for one academic year and be paid by the hour by monthly submission of timesheets. The amount of time each candidate spends working with Slough Music Service will be flexible depending on the individuals needs and demand for work.

Personal Specification

You will be a committed, enthusiastic musician with a wish to gain experience as a teacher, motivating and inspiring pupils, and to be able to communicate with conviction and sensitivity. You should be receptive to new ideas and to be able to work as part of a professional team of teachers dedicated to offering high quality music education.

Vital:

- Be aged 18 or above
- Must play an instrument to grade VIII or equivalent standard
- Have the ability to travel between venues across Slough
- Have a passion for music, including knowledge of a range of genres and styles
- Flexible and adaptable
- Be creative
- Be proactive
- Be enthusiastic in sharing your passion for music and endorse high quality creative music teaching
- Be willing to work as part of a team teaching whole class instrumental / vocal lessons

Pay

The hourly rate for internship is currently £8.00 per hour for gap year students and £10 for university students and graduates. (September 2015)

You will be paid monthly on submission of time sheets.

To apply

Please complete the application and return to:

The Head of Slough Music Service

Slough Music Service. Slough Borough Council, 51 Bath Road, Slough SL1 3UF

Please use black ink. Alternatively you can complete the form electronically and e-mail to:

Laura.lancaster@slough.gov.uk

Do NOT include a CV or any other supporting documentation

Slough Music Service is committed to promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young people. All posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure by Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). All references will always be taken up in advance of interview, and we may contact other previous employers for references.