

Volunteer Guest Musicians Wanted For A New Music-Themed Group For People Seeking Sanctuary In Sheffield

An innovative project has been running in Sheffield for just over a year to facilitate access to (mainly) classical music for people seeking sanctuary (refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants). To date the main focus has been on brokering complimentary tickets from the different promoters of music across the city, publicising the opportunities appropriately amongst the client group and accompanying groups to concerts.

We are now looking to develop the project a bit further by setting up an informal group aimed mainly at people who have already come to one or more of the concerts. The idea is to give people a chance to build friendship networks, enjoy, discuss, share, learn a bit more about and listen to music together.

The group is co-facilitated by a non-musician with extensive experience of work with the client group and a talented, experienced violinist. Currently, we meet fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-12pm at the Montgomery Theatre, S1 2LG.

We are now looking for local musicians who would be willing to play at one of the sessions and chat to the participants (eg about their instrument, the sort of music they play etc).

If you are interested in coming along to play on any of the below dates, or would like any more information, please get in touch with Naomi (creativeconnectionssheffield@gmail.com).

NB, this is a voluntary-run project so you would not be remunerated for your time, and you would need to provide your own instrument(s). You would not need to stay for the whole of the session. It is a new group so numbers will be very unpredictable and possibly quite small. People's levels of English will vary and most will have no knowledge of classical music. Although we envisage most of the sessions focussing on classical music, we do want to introduce other genres - eg jazz, folk and will also be listening to music from people's own countries.

10th April - *we are keen to fill this slot as soon as possible!*

24th April - *we are keen to fill this slot as soon as possible!*

22nd May

5th June

19th June

3rd July

17th July

31st July