

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – MUSIC GENERATION

About Music Generation

Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme that transforms the lives of children and young people through access to high-quality, subsidised performance music education¹. Initiated by Music Network, Music Generation is co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Local Music Education Partnerships (MEPs).

Music Generation was set up in 2010 by Music Network to establish infrastructure for performance music education. Its genesis stems from the combined philanthropic support of U2 and The Ireland Funds to seed-fund phased implementation of Music Network's Feasibility Study Report: [A National System of Local Music Education Services](#). During Phase 1 the programme was established in 11 MEP Areas across 12 counties and currently reaches some 41,000 children and young people annually, supporting a workforce of over 370 people across a range of artistic/managerial, musician and administration/support roles.

Phase 2 will run from 2017 – 2021, during which the programme will expand into nine new MEP Areas.

For further information visit: www.musicgeneration.ie

Policy, Research and Guidelines Documents:

- [Music Generation National Development Office Strategic Plan 2016-2021](#)
- [Possible Selves in Music - summary report 2016](#)

¹ *Music Generation focuses on the provision of performance music education – that is, the breadth of vocal and instrumental learning in all genres and styles of music. This includes all pedagogical approaches and practices appropriate to particular musical cultures and traditions, and is delivered by professional musician educators. Recognised by the Department of Education and Skills as non-mainstream music education, performance music education complements and enriches – but does not replace – the mainstream music curriculum provision of the formal education system.*
Music Generation Strategic Plan, 2016 - 2021

About Music Generation Galway County

Music Generation Galway County is a new performance music education service for children and young people in County Galway that will provide opportunities for children and young people to access a range of vocal and instrumental tuition in their local area.

It is among the 9 new MEP Areas recently selected for participation in Phase 2 of Music Generation. Locally, Music Generation Galway County is supported and funded by Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board, Galway County Council, An Roinn Ealaíon, Gaeltachta agus Oidhreacht, Ealaín na Gaeltachta, Tusla, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology, Galway Rural Development, FORUM Connemara CLG, Foróige, Youthwork Ireland Galway, Involve and media partner, The Galway Advertiser Newspaper Group.

From 2017-2021, Music Generation Galway County plans to transform the landscape for performance music education in the county by delivering a range of performance music education programmes which respond to the local needs and context of County Galway.

By 2021, over 3,500 children and young people will be participating in the new Music Generation Galway County performance music education programmes across the county and on the islands. These will include:

- First Notes Early Years' programme
- Tuned In vocal and instrumental tuition access programme
- Three new music education hubs in Clifden, Ballinasloe and Tuam
- Uilleann Pipe, Trad Ensemble and Young Composer programmes
- School of rock and band mentoring programmes in Tuam
- Targeted instrumental programmes in Connemara and East Galway
- Targeted Social Inclusion vocal and instrumental tuition programmes
- Sym-Phonic Waves orchestra as part of the Galway European Capital of Culture programme

Further information about Music Generation Galway County is available in the Summary Framework Plan at: www.galwayroscommon.etb.ie