

We are delighted to announce that grant application packs for the 2015-16 Mayor's Music Fund Partnerships Projects are now available.

The Purpose of Partnerships Projects

To develop inspiring and ambitious projects, covering a broad spectrum of music genres, which provide young instrumentalists (who are not complete beginners), with the following:

- Outstanding activities that address a demonstrable gap in instrumental provision
- Inspirational experiences of working and performing with top professional musicians
- Clearly defined progression routes which challenge the participants
- Long-term collaborations that build on the core activities provided by schools and music service
- Access to the rich resources of a professional music organisation – in particular their regular performers or musicians
- Regular performance opportunities, including public performance
- Opportunities to hear high quality live music performed

New Criteria

- Partnerships must continue to be led by **one music service**, but are no longer required to be “cross-borough”.
- Projects must include a minimum of two further professional partners, one of which must involve professional musicians. Other partners can be another music service, another professional arts organisation, a conservatoire/HE provider or venue etc.
- We particularly encourage participation of a conservatoire or HE provider as experience has shown these students are excellent role models and mentors.
- Mayor's Music Fund will consider grants of up to £15,000 per project. Each partner must contribute at least 10% of the overall project cost, either financially or in kind.
- Applications are typically for projects lasting up to one academic year though multi-year projects will be considered
- Partnerships are asked to think about the project's sustainability post Mayor's Music Fund grant

Further information

- Deadline to request an application pack: **5pm, Friday 26 September 2014**
- Deadline for first round applications: **5pm, Monday 3 November 2014**
- Activity to begin **from July 2015 onwards**
- Please email chrissy@mayorsmusicfund.org for further information and to request an application pack