

# **Mission Statement and Executive Summary**

Walsall Music Education Hub and Service (WMEHS) believes:

- music and the arts are for all, for life, regardless of race, gender, location, talent, socio-economic status, special educational needs, disabilities and/or looked after
- communities are supported by public expression of their values and beliefs through music and the arts
- fair and appropriate opportunities should be available to all
- access to fulfilling music is a fundamental entitlement for all
- that participation, learning and creativity is a lifelong process and commitment
- we exist to provide pathways and alternative learning mechanisms for routes into enriched leisure and vocations, creating new opportunities and potential for the children and young people of Walsall
- that through music facilitation we bring continuity of excellence, innovation and care for the communities we serve
- in empowering, inspiring and creating opportunities for all, enabling children and young people to develop, achieve and celebrate through music; identifying, removing and lowering barriers to allow equality of access to music for children and young people in Walsall

WMEHS will develop and realise its vision by:

- building on existing strengths
- developing new partnerships, networks and engaging with communities
- creating and maintaining strong relationships with all partners and with schools, parents, children and young people
- ensuring maximum participation by children and young people in WMEHS and associated activities
- embedding equity, equality, diversity and inclusion ethos across the Hub to build a diverse and inclusive educational culture where all are valued and recognised for their qualities, ideas, voices and perspectives
- responding to need and generating new ideas, approaches and activities
- providing, commissioning and ensuring that high quality musical learning and activities are available and well publicised to schools, families and communities
- achieving financial stability through an appropriate, fair, equitable, rigorous and effective approach to financial management and the most efficient deployment of available capacity
- achieving greater engagement with the music curriculum in schools through the School Music Education Plan (SMEP)
- successfully delivering the National Plan for Music Education (NPME) to all children and young people in Walsall, allowing all young people to fully participate in quality music that is delivered in new and innovative ways

WMEHS's mission is to be an innovative and enterprising body that successfully delivers the NPME and the SMEP to all children and young people in Walsall.

WMEHS will continue to work to develop its strong partnerships and will also act as an advocate for music education, encouraging participation in music education, encouraging participation in music and providing innovations in delivery to improve music-making for and by the children and young people of Walsall.

WMEHS has a vision to inspire and lead all children and young people towards exciting, rewarding, varied and high quality progressive musical experiences, individually and with others, that embrace and celebrate the diversity of the region.

WMEHS has key goals to ensure its vision is realised to include:

- ensuring that all children and young people have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument
- ensuring that all young people who wish to are able to continue to learn and take part in performances and ensembles
- enabling full access to musical progression routes up to KS5 and beyond
- ensuring that all children learn to sing and have access to choirs
- ensuring CPD opportunities, resources and events are offered
- ensuring schools and individuals have access to instrument stock, loan service and Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme
- ensuring children and young people have access to take part in large-scale, high-quality, inspirational and aspirational events
- maintaining and increasing the range of style and genres of music for children and young people to include world musics, rock and pop and digital approaches

WMEHS is committed to promoting equality and diversity reflecting the demographic profile that it serves. It believes that participation in the arts can promote the strength that lies in difference and the positive contribution that all forms of diversity make to the richness of community life and lifelong learning.

The Hub's affiliated charities, *Forest Foundation* and *Friends of Walsall Young Musicians*, will attract additional funding streams, targeted sponsorship and will complement and enhance the work of the WMEHS and its aims and objectives.

The Music Hub's governance, management and Hub Stakeholder Group will ensure that the direction and development for the future is in line with the ambitious challenges.