

Youth Questionnaire

In 2010, U2 donated €5,000,000 to develop better music education right across Ireland. They felt that they had been lucky to learn to play instruments while they were still at school and felt that all young people in Ireland should have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument or learn to sing. The national Music Generation programme has been developed to help create structures for this to happen.

Right now, counties and areas from across Ireland are each developing local Music Education Partnerships to bid for funding from Music Generation. Each partnership will have to raise money locally to match any support from Music Generation. 15 local partnerships will be supported by Music Generation over the next 7 years and it is hoped that these will continue after that time.

In Fingal, we are preparing to develop a partnership and make a bid for funding. We are starting by learning about what is happening already and asking people for their views about what is missing or needed in music education. We are asking musicians, music teachers, music schools, primary and secondary schools about where young people from 0-18 can learn to play musical instruments and sing.

We would like to know what your experience has been, what might be stopping you from learning music and what your vision is for better music education in Fingal. Thank you for filling this questionnaire.

ABOUT YOU:

What age are you?

- 10-12
- 13-14
- 15-16
- 17-18

Are you:

- Female
- Male

Where do you live?

- Balbriggan
- Blanchardstown
- Castleknock
- Donabate
- Howth
- Loughshinny

- Lusk
- Malahide
- Mullhuddart
- Portmarnock
- Rush
- Skerries
- Sutton
- Swords
- The Naul
- Other – please say where

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What school do you go to?

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Who told you about this questionnaire?

- Comhairle na nÓg
- A friend

If a friend, please give their name

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YOUR EXPERIENCE:

Do you play a musical instrument or sing? Or did you learn to play a musical instrument or sing when you were younger?

- Yes
- No

If you answered YES to the last question, please answer the questions below. If you answered NO to the last question please, skip to the next column

Please say which instrument(s) you play/played or if you sing

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How did/do you learn to play/sing?

(If more than one applies to you, use numbers 1, 2, 3 etc with 1 being how you first learned and the highest number being how you learned most recently.)

- I taught myself
- I learned from a friend
- I learned from someone in my family
- I learned in primary school
- I learned in secondary school
- I learned in a choir or band
- I learned from a music teacher outside of school
- I learned from video/online tutorials

Do/did you play or sing in a group, band, choir or orchestra? Yes / No

If Yes: Please give the name of your group, band, choir or orchestra.

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Does the group have an adult director or conductor? Yes/No

Where does/did your group practice?

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Where do/did you or your group play music or sing?

- At home
- At friends' houses
- Youth club/youth café
- Arts centre/community centre
- In school
- In church
- Other – please say where

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If you don't play a musical instrument or sing now or have never learned to play musical instrument or sung, please answer the questions below.

Would you like to learn to play an instrument or sing? Yes/No

If Yes, what instrument(s) would you be interested in learning?

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What are the things that have stopped you from learning to play an instrument or sing?

- Don't know where I could learn
- Too far to travel for lessons
- Too expensive to get an instrument
- Too expensive to get lessons
- Not interested
- Other – please say why

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YOUR VIEWS AND VISION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION IN FINGAL

Do you think it is important that young people get a chance to learn a musical instrument or sing? Yes/No

Where would be the best place for people to learn to play an instrument or sing?

- In school
- At music lessons locally after school
- At a youth club/youth café
- Other – please say where

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