

BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST
Making music for everyone

COMMUNITY MUSIC PRACTITIONER

Recruitment Pack

“Our vision is to enhance and enrich the lives of children, young people and adults through the unrivalled range of musical opportunities we offer”

If you are:

- A creative and confident musician, ideally a multi-instrumentalist, with the ability to encourage exploration across different instruments and styles
- A musician with experience of, or a strong interest in, working with children and young people in community and inclusive settings
- Looking to make a difference in the community through music

And you can:

- Use music-making to support young people’s social and emotional wellbeing, confidence, self-expression, connection and sense of belonging
- Create a safe, warm and inclusive environment in which young musicians feel heard, respected and able to take part in ways that work for them
- Rise to new challenges in a dynamic, collaborative environment

THEN WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!



What Will You Do?

The Community Music Practitioner will plan and lead engaging, child-centred group music sessions that support the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people. This is not a traditional instrumental teaching role: the postholder will create safe, welcoming spaces where participants can explore music, connect with others, express themselves and shape the creative direction of each session. You will:

- Plan and lead fun, **creative group music sessions** in alternative provision, SEND and youth settings in various venues across Berkshire.
- **Respond creatively** to what emerges in the room, balancing preparation with the flexibility to follow young people's interests, energy and ideas.
- Lead our new **Chill Jam music youth club** session on Thursday evenings in Crowthorne, where young people share music, play instruments, listen to playlists and discuss favourite artists.
- Work reliably as a **self-employed member of the Community & Inclusion team**, communicating availability, maintaining appropriate records and managing session preparation and travel.





Who You Are

- Creative, confident and passionate about the power of music for young people
- Willing to travel to various locations across Berkshire
- Committed to making music education more inclusive and relevant
- Able to work collaboratively as part of a team

Job Details

- Full job description attached HERE – please read for details
- Initial projects available range between Crowthorne and West Berkshire
- Hours: Approx. 10hrs per week currently available, with the potential for flexibility and growth
- Contract Type: Self Employed
- Application Deadline: 30/11/26



What is the BMT Community & Inclusion Team?

The Community & Inclusion Team at Berkshire Music Trust uses music to bring people together, remove barriers to participation and create opportunities for people who might not otherwise access music-making. We work across Berkshire in partnership with schools, libraries, community organisations and health and wellbeing partners.

Our work includes:

- SEND and inclusive music-making – including Soundabout choirs and accessible music technology
- Community projects – from youth work, drumming and singing to intergenerational music-making and community partnerships
- Libraries – early years, adult and digital music projects
- Youth engagement – including Chill Jam youth clubs and our Youth Voice programme
- Health and wellbeing – including dementia-friendly music and social prescribing
- Space to Thrive – our community led music centre

How To Apply

Please send us:

- A short statement (written or video) introducing yourself and your musical interests
- Any examples of your work (recordings, social media, performances, etc.)
- Why you're interested in being a Community Music Practitioner and what you'd bring to the role

Email your application to: jobs@berksmusictrust.org.uk for the attention of Jamie Read, or send any questions by text/WhatsApp to 07912 808884

FULL JOB DESCRIPTION CAN BE DOWNLOADED HERE

Deadline: 30th November 2026

