



Music Generation Galway County Chontae na Gaillimhe

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 education.¹ 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 (LMEPs).

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 LMEP Areas.² Phase 2 commenced expansion into 9 further LMEP Areas.³ In December 2017, Government announced its commitment to support the roll-out of Music Generation nationwide by 2022, beginning with the establishment of 5 further areas.⁴

Music Generation currently creates some 67,000 opportunities for children and young people to engage in music tuition annually, generating more than 400 employment opportunities across a range of artistic/managerial, musician and administration/support roles. 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

² Carlow, Clare, Cork City, Laois, Louth, Limerick City, Mayo, Offaly/Westmeath, Sligo, South Dublin and Wicklow

³ Cavan/Monaghan, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Galway City, Galway County, Kilkenny, Leitrim, Roscommon, Waterford and Wexford

⁴ Kerry, Kildare, Meath, Longford and Tipperary

About Music Generation Galway County

Locally, Music Generation Galway County is managed by Galway County Local Music Education Partnership (LMEP), led by Galway and Roscommon Education and Training, with other local funding partners Galway County Council, Galway Rural Development, Tusla, Foróige, Youth Work Ireland and Involve among others. Galway European Capital of Culture 2020 was also a funding partner in the initial 3-year phase.

To this end, Music Generation Galway County delivers a range of performance music education opportunities to children and young people across Galway County. These include:

Lán Le Ceol

A child-centred performance music education programme for young people from Junior Infants – 6th Class, focusing on active music-making in primary school settings

Symphonic Schools

A mixed instrumental tuition programme for ages 8 – 18, enabling children and young people to play in chamber groups from an early stage of learning an instrument and creating opportunities for schools to come together to play in larger orchestral groups

Symphonic Waves

A new youth orchestra for the West of Ireland, which aims to encourage young musicians to develop their own musical identities through interactions with professional musicians and collaboration with peers from other youth orchestras in Ireland and abroad

Uilleann Pipes Tuition Programme

Delivered in partnership with Na Píobairí Uilleann, the programme is currently running in two locations – Inverin and Corr Na Móna and is delivered through both English and Irish

RockPopHipHop

A popular music access programme for teenagers, creating access to vocal and instrumental, creating opportunities for young people to play in ensembles, form bands and write their own music. Currently running in Tuam, Gort, Loughrea, Carraroe and Clifden

Music Generation Galway County is managed by a Music Development Officer and an Administrator. The tuition is delivered by a team of locally-based musician educators. The team covers a broad spectrum of musical genres, instruments and teaching approaches.

Further information is available here:

- [facebook.com/MusicGenGalwayCo](https://www.facebook.com/MusicGenGalwayCo)
- <https://www.facebook.com/symphonicwavesorchestra/>
- <https://twitter.com/mggalwayco?lang=en>