

About Us

Calderdale Music was established in May 2015. Since our launch in 2015, the organisation has successfully grown to now include 14 Music Leaders, an efficient Administration Team and a Senior Leadership Team that comprises the Business Manager, Assistant Principal and Principal.

Our stakeholders include schools and academies across Calderdale in both primary and secondary phases and the Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) sector. We also serve families and individuals independently, providing tuition in music or singing to suit their requirements. We have established strong partnerships with a variety of organisations including the Local Authority.

Calderdale Music provides an increasing range of opportunities for children and young people to make music in ensembles from beginner standard through to high levels. Calderdale Music has recently moved into flagship premises at The Old Courthouse in Halifax and will soon include a small Concert Hall, ensembles rooms, 1:1 teaching rooms, full suite of iMac computers with MIDI keyboards, a small music shop and coffee shop.

We also support the important ensemble work that goes on in schools including: guitar ensembles; junior/senior bands and orchestra groups; recorder groups; rock/soul and funk bands; theatre groups; pop groups; and senior and junior choirs.

We hold a number of events throughout the year encouraging schools and individuals alike to join in and enjoy the fun of both making, and appreciating, music. We are also involved in organising conferences and tours and our aim is to widen participation in musicality across the Calderdale community in its entirety.

As a Charitable Trust we have a Board of nine Trustees, which includes the Principal. These individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm and they are fundamental to the success of the organisation. As the Lead Organisation for the Calderdale Music Education Hub, Calderdale Music receives funding from the Arts Council, schools and parental fees, in addition to some smaller scale grants.

Our services are also extended to adult learners, whom we welcome at lessons and adult ensembles.

Whole Class Ensemble and School Curriculum Teaching

This is a flexible and diverse opportunity where provision will be at least a term but in most cases a year. Whole class teaching is delivered by Calderdale Music or commissioned by schools. This offer requires a well-planned and progressive experience with high expectations and impact.

Calderdale Singing Initiative

Calderdale Music is committed to giving every young person the opportunity to access a high quality singing provision. We firmly believe singing promotes teamwork, self-confidence and improved thinking skills with links to literacy, numeracy and many more subject areas.

Workshops and celebrations

Calderdale Music supplies schools with full day or half day workshops in a range of exciting musical activities including singing days and samba sessions.

Ensembles

This is one of our core roles from the Arts Council and is an area that we are keen to develop further at The Old Courthouse.

Instrumental tuition

Calderdale Music offer high motivated, effective and supportive instrumental tutors and specialist group/individual tuition on the following: Strings, Piano, Woodwind, Guitar, Brass, Keyboard, Singing and Percussion.

Living & working in West Yorkshire

Whether you want to escape the hustle of the city, improve the opportunities for your family with safe communities and great education, or pursue your personal interests and hobbies, West Yorkshire has it all!

West Yorkshire is a metropolitan county of Northern England, and consists of five metropolitan boroughs: Calderdale, Kirklees, and the city of Bradford in the west and the cities of Leeds and Wakefield in the east. It has a population of approximately 2.2 million and is surrounded by breath taking valleys and the moors of the Pennines. The Peak District National Park is only a short drive away and the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Nidderdale and the Forest of Bowland Areas of Outstanding Beauty are less than 90 minutes away.

There is a lot to explore in West Yorkshire from music festivals to museums, art galleries, contemporary dining to quirky cafes, an outdoor swimming pool nestled in the middle of the Yorkshire countryside with the moors as its backdrop and a number of iconic towns to enjoy and discover.

There really is everything to offer you and your family as a place to work, live and enjoy! Our history of strong educational attainment, safe communities, rich heritage and culture offer a variety of pastoral pursuits that makes Yorkshire a residence of choice.

Travelling further afield we have convenient connectivity to the M62 and M1, as well as the internal urban motorways in Leeds and Bradford. We border the counties of Derbyshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, North Yorkshire, and South Yorkshire with all they have to offer!