



10th Féilín don Pháil - Caomhnú don Oidhreacht February, 2017.

Serving People – Preserving Heritage

To: An Cathaoirleach and each Member of Kilkenny County Council.

Re: Music Generation.

A Chara,

Music Generation operates under the guidance of the Music Generation Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021. In essence the Music Generation Programme seeks to ensure that citizens (most notably children), irrespective of their background, have access to music tuition.

Music Generation was set up in 2010 and retains the philanthropic support of U2 and The Irelands Fund.

At local level the Music Generation programme is delivered by locally based Music Education Partnerships (MEPs) that come together arising from an interest in and commitment to delivering on the opportunities that the programme provides.

Music Generation is now calling for applications from Music Education Partnerships for participation in Phase 2, 2017 – 2021. A Music Education Partnership must be led by a local authority or an Education and Training Board (ETB).

At a recent meeting between Kilkenny County Council and the Kilkenny/Carlow ETB it was agreed that an Expression of Interest be lodged in respect of County Kilkenny's participation in the programme and this was lodged on 9th February, 2017. The deadline for applications is 31st May, 2017. The ETB will act as the lead partner for this process.

In order to advise the application process Kilkenny County Council has agreed to fund the undertaking of research to identify the gaps in the access to music tuition around County Kilkenny. The costs for this research are likely to be less than €3,500 and will significantly advise the quality of the application that can be made to Music Generation.

In addition to the research outlined above, and in the period before the end of May 2017, the ETB/KCC will host an information event to advise the application process and to gauge interest in participation as members of the County Kilkenny Music Education Partnership and/or other supports.

Should the application to Music Generation be approved there will be a requirement for Members to set aside €35,000 per annum (matched annually by the ETB) for the period of the programme (2018 – 2021) in order that match funding may be drawn down from Music Generation and the Music Generation Programme rolled out in County Kilkenny.

Mise, le meas,

Simon Walton
Director of Services.