



Wrexham Sounds

Transforming Young Lives Through Music
Trawsnewid Bywydau Ifanc Trwy Gerddoriaeth

PROSPECTUS
2023 – 2024

Welcome

Music makes a positive difference to a person's mental and physical well-being. Academic studies have put this beyond argument. We believe the benefits of engaging in music-based activities are even more pronounced for children and young people – improving their confidence, learning abilities, personal skills, social engagement, and life prospects. This belief underpins our mission to transform the lives of children and young people through music.

Our prospectus is designed to give you an overview of Wrexham Sounds, including our approach to teaching and learning, who we work with and support, and the range of music-based activities and accredited programmes that we deliver.

We offer three main services:

1. **Music for Wellbeing Sessions** – referrals from schools, organisations and families
2. **Music Lessons** – tuition in a range of instruments and music technology
3. **Courses and Workshops** – accredited and unaccredited for schools and others

We hope you find the information in this Prospectus useful.

For general enquiries, call us on 01978 345245 or email contact@wrexhamsounds.org

Please do get in touch with us if you have any other questions or would like to get involved and help us build better futures – we look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Lloyd, Caroline Richards, Dave Gray
Directors, Wrexham Sounds

Who We Are

Our Role

Wrexham Sounds provides a safe, nurturing, supportive environment where children and young people can find their voices, discover talents, express themselves, gain qualifications, credits and grades, develop friendships, create, produce and record, whilst growing in confidence and positively moving forward in life.

We see ourselves as part of the wider effort being made across Wrexham County and North East Wales to stimulate youthful ambitions and creativity, strengthen communities, develop a vibrant cultural economy, and make music-based opportunities more accessible. Our work is focused on improving the wellbeing of every child and young person we work with, using music as a tool to help them unlock their full potential.

Clients, Supporters & Partners

Everything we do is client-led and tailored to individual needs. Our Music for Wellbeing service supports children, young people and vulnerable adults. Income from music lessons, courses and workshops makes it possible for us to deliver this service at a competitive rate for organisations and an affordable rate for families.

Our funders include The Third Sector Resilience Fund (administered by WCVA), Community Foundation Wales, Moondance Foundation, Thomas Howells Educational Fund for North Wales, Co-op, WCBC Youth Service, Anthem Music Fund Wales, Ty Cerdd, Music For All, Moving On and AVOW. Donors include Community Councils in Wrexham County, local businesses and individuals.

We are recognised by Children's University as a Learning Destination. We offer entry level music courses accredited by AGORED. In partnership with Focus Wales, we seek to provide a pathway to performance for young musical talent in Wrexham.

Wrexham Sounds offers work experience and volunteering opportunities, please email : contact@wrexhamsounds.org to find out more.

Facilities

Our premises encompasses four well-equipped, acoustically treated music studios and a meeting room. Services are delivered by an experienced, passionate, well-qualified team of tutors drawn from communities we serve.



Organisation

Organisation Wrexham Sounds is a not-for-profit social enterprise, registered in England and Wales No. 09838221. It is run by three unpaid, volunteer directors and a General Manager responsible for operations. A team of freelance tutors delivers all services.

We are a UK Living Wage Employer.

The Way We Work

Our Principles

Wrexham Sounds provides high quality music-based learning and development opportunities for children and young people. Our way of working is guided by 7 principles:

1. We take nothing and no-one for granted
2. The well-being of our service users always comes first
3. Every user of our services is an individual and we focus on their needs
4. We are honest about what we think is best for the children and young people referred to us
5. Great feedback ensures our service users and clients get the best possible outcomes
6. Our tutors have practical and teaching experience and can adapt to different needs
7. We evaluate our services and use what we learn to improve what we do

Work With Us

We would not be able to do what we do without the support of our local community. Making connections, generating new ideas and creating accessible opportunities all help make our services relevant and effective.

If you share our mission and would like to support Wrexham Sounds, please email: contact@wrexhamsounds.org to find out how you can get involved.



1. Referring A Young Person To Wrexham Sounds

Our Music for Wellbeing service accepts referrals from Local Authorities, Schools, Charities, Care Providers and Families for children and young people with health, educational and social disadvantages. The main reasons children were referred to us in 2022-23 were Autism, ADHD, other additional learning needs and mental health challenges. We use music to give children and young people opportunities to express themselves, explore musical interests, develop their personal skills, collaborate with others, and achieve qualifications, credits and grades.

Music for Wellbeing sessions are delivered on a 1:1 basis and tailored to the needs and interests of the child or young person. Using a variety of musical instruments and/or music technology, these are collaborative sessions with the tutor, and could involve spontaneous music making, learning how to play a familiar song or tune, or composing an original song or a piece of music.

This flexible approach is designed to ensure that activities are needs-led, reduce any anxiety, and encourage self-expression, exploration, fun and development.

How To Make A Referral

We operate a 6-step process, as follows:

1. Fill out our Music for Wellbeing Referral Form – available at www.wrexhamsounds.org we will call you if we require any further information
2. We will do our best to let you know whether we can support the child or young person within 5 working days
3. Once a referral has been accepted, a tutor will be assigned
4. An initial session will enable one of our tutors to assess the needs of the referred child or young person, and design further activities to address these and build their confidence and skills
5. A schedule of sessions is agreed
6. Sessions commence, and feedback is provided as required

Referral Fees & Bookings

Our referral fees are subsidised for local families.

Referrals to our Music for Wellbeing service are charged as follows:

For families who refer directly:

- £40 per 1 hour session
- £30 per 45-minute session
- £20 per 30-minute session

For organisational referrers:

- £60 per 1 hour session
- £45 per 45-minute session
- £30 per 30-minute session

We are constantly seeking third party funding and donations to enable children from low-income households to access our services.

Note: Every referred child or young person must be accompanied by a professional provided by the client organisation or a guardian or family member. In all cases, Wrexham Sounds will require prior notice of the accompanying individual and may request ID to confirm this.



2. Music Lessons

Wrexham Sounds offers lessons on a wide range of instruments including:

- Piano, Drums, Guitar, Cornet, Clarinet, Flute, Violin

If you are interested in an instrument not on this list, let us know and we will see what we can do!

We also offer lessons in:

- Singing, DJing, Mixing, Music Production , Rapping/Spoken Word, Songwriting

Our talented tutors can teach you the basics, develop your skills, or help you achieve ABRSM grades 1-8. Schools, parents, and others who choose Wrexham Sounds for music lessons and activities don't just get a great learning experience; they are also subsidising our mission to transform young lives through music.

Fees & Booking

£18 for a 30-minute music lesson

£28 for a 1-hour music lesson

Book online at www.wrexhamsounds.org



3. Courses & Workshops

Wrexham Sounds offer courses and workshops to schools, charities, and community groups. They can be delivered at our purpose-built studios or at a location of your choice. All workshops are designed on an individual basis to suit projects, ideas, and school curriculum. During school holiday's we deliver various musical activities and programmes. On Saturday's we deliver a Creative Club encompassing music, craft, and movement for children with additional learning needs.

For more detailed information, or to discuss your needs and the costs involved contact us on 01978 345245 or email : contact@wrexhamsounds.org

Group Activities

Wrexham Sounds is a great place for children and young people to develop their passion for music whether its solo or ensemble playing, composing, producing, filming, or performing online or preparing to perform live.

We coach new groups in singing or playing-together, setting-up in the studio, using music technology, recording, and sharing their music. We run workshops for school groups and others on request.

Email : contact@wrexhamsounds.org for more information on how we can meet your needs.



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