

Position: Freelance Trainee Musician for new *Interplay* Project

Company: Fèis Rois

Location: Inverness

Project duration: 1 year (April 2017 – March 2018)

Fee: £5,200



About Fèis Rois

Fèis Rois is widely recognised as one of Scotland's leading youth arts organisations. Regularly funded by Creative Scotland, Fèis Rois aims to enable people of all ages to participate in music making opportunities, particularly traditional music and the broader traditional arts which are intrinsically linked to the Gaelic language. However, Fèis Rois recognises and supports innovation within tradition and, as such, offers a number of song writing, composition and digital projects, as well as commissioning new work. In 2015/16, 9,000+ people took part in Fèis Rois projects and more than 600 artists (primarily musicians) benefitted from paid contracts.

Find out more at www.feisrois.org

About the *Interplay* Project

Fèis Rois has secured funding from the Scottish Government's Youth Music Initiative to work in partnership with HMP Inverness to develop a year-round programme of high quality music making activity for offenders and their families. The project will focus on engaging offenders under the age of 25 in cultural activity, as well as those over the age of 25 who have children. The project aims to enable young people to develop their music making skills as well as their skills for life, learning and work.

The project includes:

1. A series of Fèis weeks in HMP Inverness

We will provide three 5-day participatory courses over the duration of the project. Prisoners and their children will have the opportunity to learn new skills together by taking part in a number of different traditional and contemporary music workshops.

2. Weekly music workshops in prison and in the community

We will offer weekly music workshops every Saturday for 34 weeks of the year from April 2017 – March 2018. These participatory workshops will offer young people the opportunity to progress their music making skills across a range of disciplines. A two hour workshop will take place in HMP Inverness every Saturday morning with the same workshop taking place in the community on Saturday afternoons. This will enable those who are released from prison to continue to develop their music making skills.

3. Live performances in HMP Inverness

Throughout the project, we will offer a series of live music performances in the prison to enable prisoners and their children to access and enjoy different genres of music.

Although this initial pilot project in HMP Inverness focuses on music, Fèis Rois is one of 13 organisations collaborating on the innovative Highland Youth Arts Hub programme (www.hyah.co.uk) and we hope that there will be cross art form development for *Interplay* in future.

Freelance Trainee Musician

Thanks to support from the Youth Music Initiative, Fèis Rois is looking to recruit a trainee musician aged 18 – 25 with a background in performance, music education and/or sound engineering to support the delivery of the *Interplay* project. This 12 month placement will include the opportunity to shadow musicians who are experienced at working in participatory settings, as well as a number of training and continued professional development opportunities.

The Project Trainee will be supported by Fèis Rois staff and will be expected to:

- Shadow and support artists during the delivery of the project;
- Attend mentoring sessions with professional musicians;

- Undertake continued professional development opportunities including a session with Vox Luminis (www.voxluminis.co.uk), site visits to other arts organisations experienced in working in participatory settings and completing a Child Protection course;
- Writing a blog and/or end of project report to evaluate the skills and experience gained during the project.

Person Specification

You will be an experienced musician or sound engineer who is either:

1. A recent graduate of a relevant further or higher education course, or;
2. Currently studying for a further or higher education qualification in a relevant discipline, or;
3. Able to demonstrate experience of, and a commitment to, working in participatory settings as a musician.

In addition, you will have:

- Some experience of either paid or voluntary work on participatory music making projects in either a community or education context;
- The ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- A broad general knowledge of the music, arts and creative industries sector in Scotland;
- The ability to manage your own time and resources;
- The ability to multitask, prioritise and show flexibility in your approach to your work.

Contract and Fee

This is a freelance contract from April 2017 to March 2018. You will be responsible for your own tax and national insurance contributions. The Trainee Musician will be expected to work on the following:

1 x Initial planning morning and Vox Luminis CPD session
 3 x 5-day participatory courses to take place in April (17th – 21st), August and October 2017
 34 x Weekly Saturday workshops in HMP Inverness and at a community venue to be confirmed in Inverness (10 week block April-July 2017, 6 week block Aug-Sept 2017, 6 week block Oct-Dec 2017, 12 week block Jan-April 2018)

Applicants must be available for the week of 17-21st April and the 10 consecutive Saturdays (29th April, 6th May, 13th May, 20th May, 27th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June, 24th June, 1st July). Other dates are to be agreed by the successful freelance team working on the project in agreement with Fèis Rois and HMP Inverness.

The total fee of £5,200 covers the following:

3 x 5 day participatory courses at £500 per course = £1,500

34 x one-day workshops at £100 per day = £3,400

An expenses allowance of £300

To Apply:

Please send a covering letter and CV (maximum 2 x A4 pages) to

Stacey.toner@highlandyouthartshub.org outlining your reasons for applying, your suitability for the post and how the position will support your professional development.

Deadline: 5pm Friday 24th March.

Interviews will take place in Inverness on Thursday 30th March 2017.

For informal enquiries regarding this position please contact Stacey Toner on 01349 86 2600 or email stacey.toner@highlandyouthartshub.org.