



Press Release

## Training Opportunity for Waterford Musicians

The Arts Office, Waterford City & County Council is pleased to offer an opportunity to musicians to participate in an introductory workshop exploring the idea of bringing music into hospital, healthcare and community settings.

**‘Exploring the Role of a Hospital Musician’ will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 10am to 12.30pm in the Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.**

The Arts Office is making this introductory workshop available free of charge but interested participants MUST register in advance as numbers are limited. The workshop will be delivered by Kids Classics CLG which is a non-profit organisation which designs, manages and delivers professional music projects and programmes in healthcare, educational and community settings around Ireland. Kids’ Classics expanded its programmes in 2013 to include ‘Training Notes’, a programme that offers training and mentoring to musicians and healthcare professionals.

This workshop is the precursor to delivering a ‘Training Notes’ programme for musicians in Waterford interested in working in healthcare settings. The training will be delivered by European qualified trainers with National and International experience, Gráinne Hope and Liam Merriman who undertook extensive training with Musique et Santé as part of a pioneering European ‘Train the Trainers’ programme with Music- Network (Ireland), Musique et Santé (France), Turku (Finland) and the Royal Northern College of Music (UK). Both trainers have delivered music in many settings including Paediatric ICU, Neo-natal special care, Oncology, Renal Dialysis, Acquired Brain Injury, Coma, Alzheimer’s and Dementia, Acute and Chronic Psychiatry, Geriatric, Surgical and Burns Unit.

The objective of the ‘Training Notes’ programme is to understand the roles of a musician and the appropriate placement of music in healthcare setting. It will explore the skill set and best practice methods necessary to deliver quality interactions in Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

The programme Content will include:

- The approach and methods required for successful musical interactions in hospital and care home environments
- Vocal and instrumental repertoire and improvisation
- Challenges of working in a team within a clinical space
- Ethics and confidentiality
- Practical music placements in local healthcare settings

Arts Officer, Margaret Organ explained, ‘We are looking to support Waterford musicians who may want to work in healthcare settings as an additional income stream. This introductory workshop will give an overview of what is involved and details of an intensive course we propose to run in the coming months. We are delighted to have the expertise of Liam and Gráinne to assist us with this exciting programme’.



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Musicians must register their interest in attending by emailing [morgan@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:morgan@waterfordcouncil.ie) on or before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016. More information is available by calling the Arts Office on 058/41416.

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