



Music Generation Galway City Chathair na Gaillimhe

Leanaigí

Music in Primary School Settings

What is *Leanaigí*?

Leanaigí is a performance music education programme for pre-school and primary school children. Suitably experienced musicians in schools will be placed by MGGC in schools to deliver this programme. A musician who specialises in whole class tuition will spend 30 minutes with each class/group during the school day on a weekly basis.

Programme Description

Leanaigí is a child-centred performance music education approach which engages children in active music-making. The programme can take the form of “pre-instrumental” sessions (suited to junior classes) where singing, movement and games are the mainstay. It can also take the form of whole-class weekly sessions on a particular instrument(s) according to the availability of appropriate instrumental practitioners and the suitability of instruments for the large-group context. Once established, the programmes can give rise to ensembles, choir/singing groups and even school orchestras- anything is possible!

Leanaigí is not intended to replace or interfere with primary school music curriculum.

Vocal Programme

Suitable for all classes. For the infants and 1st classes, “pre-instrumental” work prepares them in their basic musicianship. For 2nd class up, a vocal programme explores appropriately challenging vocal techniques and skills, harmonisation, sight-singing etc. Developing good singing technique and skills in children, at any age, is a skill for life. If the school’s space is limited (no room for instrument use or storage), a vocal programme is ideal.

Instruments

Suitable for 2nd class and up. If availing of an instrumental programme, MGGC will be able to offer an instrument bank for the instrumental tuition that is agreed upon. If the instruments can remain in the school at all times, agreements are written up between MGGC and the school as to instrument care etc. Loan schemes for at-home or in-school practise for the students are worked out with the school. If you already have instruments in your school, MGGC is happy to work with those insofar as possible and can add to this collection.

Theory of Music

Music Generation believes in teaching music to children by “doing” so the practicality of the music-making always comes first. However, as children are internalising their music, they are more receptive to learning how to read music, understand rhythms abstractly etc and the musician educators will touch on these concepts as the programme progresses.

Summary for Whole Class Programme

- Class group session duration: 30 minutes per week during the school day, scheduled according to the school term.
- Schools must subscribe to a minimum of 1hr per week (2 group classes) and a maximum of 9 classes (4.5hrs) can be covered in one day.

Costs:

Pre-instrumental/Vocal and Percussion programme:

- The weekly cost for 1 hour per week (minimum booking requirement) is €33.50. For every additional 30 mins thereafter, add €16.50
- Short terms can also be negotiated, e.g. short “taster” programmes of e.g. 6 weeks or one school term etc.
- A full school- year programme comprises 28 weeks.

Instrumental programme: (suitable instruments= recorder, violin, viola, ukulele)

- Costs are slightly higher as the tutor is on site for longer to prepare, tune and put away instruments and equipment
- The weekly cost for 1 hour per week (minimum booking requirement) is €37.50. For every additional 30 mins thereafter, add €18.75
- Short terms can also be negotiated, e.g. short “taster” programmes of e.g. 6 weeks or one school term etc.
- A full school- year programme comprises 28 weeks.

The programme is part-subsidised by the Music Generation national programme. Schools can decide whether the contribution will be payable by parents, fundraising, school funds or a combination of these methods at the school’s discretion.

The school’s financial contribution is essential in order to access the philanthropic match-funding that enables Music Generation Galway City to operate. All costs are subject to change

School Involvement:

- Collection and payment of fees to Music Generation Galway City
- Participation in collection of data e.g. number of students, gender/age profiles and evaluation forms.
- Facilitating sign in/out of musicians with a representative of your staff
- The programmes have hugely successful outcomes when the classroom teachers can be as supportive of the music sessions as possible; classroom teachers have very often undertaken to participate in the sessions in some way, even learning the new instrument with the students!

Small-group music lessons (this programme is known as “Spreagaigi”)

- Small group instrumental classes can be made available to your school’s students in an after-school capacity, i.e. a music hub or during your school day if that is feasible. In this scenario, parents/guardians enroll their child directly with and directly pay Music Generation Galway City.

The school’s involvement would be to help us spread the awareness of these after-school opportunities among the student and parent body and to provide appropriate teaching space for the work.

For the school’s reference, the costs are as follows:

SPREAGAIGÍ (instrumental tuition)	30 min per week	45 min per week
Group of 3: price per student per week	€5.50	€8
Price per term: Term 1: 14 weeks Term 2: 16 weeks	€77 €88	€112 €128
Group of 2: price per student per week	€8	€12
Price per term: Term 1: 14 weeks Term 2: 16 weeks	€112 €128	€168 €192

Already have music provision in your school?

- MGGC aims to provide access to music tuition where there is no provision and will not displace an external musician already operating in your school or duplicate provision already available to your school. MGGC will not pay for that existing music education access on behalf of the school as MGGC is not a funding agency.
- In the case of existing provision (external or internal) in your school, MGGC will add value to this where possible through offering supports e.g. providing access to instruments or offering complimentary programmes to the existing provision.

If you would like to discuss anything in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact the MGGC office on musicgenerationgalwaycity@gretb.ie / 091 874568.

