

Online Network meetings in partnership with Uprising!

This year we are teaming up with **MEHEM** (Music Education Hubs East Midlands) to provide you with the best possible training and curriculum updates. Each meeting will also include time for you to catch up with your **Leicestershire** Music Hub reps too:

Network Meeting Dates:

27th February 2024 3:30 - 4:45pm

4th June 2024 3:30 - 4:45pm

MEHEM Hive Minds

A supportive environment for anyone working musically in SEND settings to share ideas and ask for help and support from others. Online meetings:

26th February 2024 4:00 - 5:15pm

30th April 2024 4:00 - 5:15pm

Next meeting and booking information can be found here:

[Network meetings](#)

[MEHEM Hive minds](#)

Free CPD from Music Mark in partnership with Uprising!

As music leads who engage actively with your local music hub -we are pleased to be able to invite you to join Music Mark for free. Doing this allows you to access free training this year. Details below:

31st January: [Inclusive Instrumental Teaching & Accessible Ensembles](#)

24th April: [Musical Playfulness for Pupils with PMLD](#)

SEND Big Sings

July 2nd, daytime event - Learn some fabulous new songs and join with other schools to perform them in The Curve Studio Theatre. Feedback from October's event:

The Big Sing was fantastic! The children really enjoyed preparing the songs and were so excited to take part. The look on one of the boy's faces when he stepped onto the stage for the practice was truly priceless and every school's enthusiasm and commitment really elevated the performances. As one of my children said on the way back to school - 'This has been my best day, ever!'

Click [HERE](#) for more information and bookings

Leicestershire Special Schools Choir

Starting on 28th February

Join our free online choir weekly, every Wednesday during term time at 1:30pm – 2:00pm. Led by one of our singing/SEND team, the choir is fun, free, inclusive and we would love to see as many schools join us as possible.

All you need is a dedicated room, a whiteboard to watch us on and preferably, a webcam so we can see you too. Sound-makers / instruments to jam along with are encouraged.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up

Specialist Instrument Hire - free trial

Soundbeam

We have two Soundbeam 6 in storage and are looking for two schools who would be interested in trialling them for free until Easter. Please email anna.wolloff@leics.gov.uk if you are interested and able to collect them.

Bespoke Workshops and units of work

Our one-off and short-block bespoke workshops are well underway. Most recently we've delivered a one-off afternoon of blues and a music making half-term block for groups of children with complex needs. We are very aware of the varying needs of our special schools and unit provisions and are happy to work with you to tailor music workshops and units to these needs, or to fit into curriculum themes. Please contact us for more information and a chat about your requirements.

Click [HERE](#) for more information, enquiries and bookings or email LMSEND@leics.gov.uk

WEBSITE SPOTLIGHT

Follow Where the River Flows - resource currently free to our SEND schools

This is an 8 track album with full teaching resources commissioned by **Leicestershire Music** and created by professional composer Jack Ross working with 4 of our special schools. Follow Where The River Flows has 8 songs in a lovely range of styles about a very school-appropriate range of topics (friends, moving on, anger, rivers, space...).

The songs are perfectly crafted for simple learning for our pupils with additional needs, with catchy and repetitive choruses and some lovely open vocalisation sections as well as space for percussion/signing/dancing/sensory opportunities (Shiny Big Balloon is a favourite!)

To access the album and resources, first you need is to make sure you have created a free login to our website and then email LMSEND@leics.gov.uk for your free password to access the resource here: [Follow Where the River Flows](#)

If you need any more information about the above or would like to discuss how we can help you, please contact us at LMSEND@leics.gov.uk