

INTERNSHIPS – SCHOOLS PIPE BAND PROGRAMMES WITH OPTIONAL CHARITY ADMINISTRATION

Overview

The Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust is a national charity that supports piping and drumming tuition programmes in state schools, and the formation of schools pipe bands. The Trust is interested in advancing the quality of pipes and drums teaching and learning in schools, and in supporting career progression opportunities.

The Trust is offering a paid internship for a piper and snare drummer each. The main aim of the internships is to open up progression routes careers as school piping and drumming instructors, or into further education. Interns will teach in schools at primary and secondary level, will help to develop a pipe band programme and will have opportunities to develop their own musicianship. Interns will also have the option to gain experience of charity administration.

Eligibility

The roles will be tailored individually to build on interns' existing skillset, qualifications and experience. Applicants may be school leavers, or may have advanced qualifications specialising in piping and drumming such as an HNC or a university degree, or they may have an SCQF Level 6 qualification plus experience.

Minimum requirements are:

- A Higher in Music and PDQB SCQF Level 6 or proficiency to these levels (candidates will be asked to play at the interview).
- Ability to write basic drum scores (snare drummers only)
- Member of a competing band
- Experience of solo competitions
- Good communication skills
- Competence in ICT, Maths, English
- Driving licence and use of a car preferred but not essential

It is expected that school leaver interns will gain experience to help them to make more informed choices about careers in instrumental music instruction and in the charity sector and that strengthen their applications to advanced education courses.

Interns who already have a relevant degree or advanced education qualification will develop experience of working in schools that will them progress into a career.

Internship Programme

Each internship will be tailored individually to build on the skill-set and experience of the post-holder. Broadly internships will encompass:

- Piping or snare drumming tuition in a state secondary school and its cluster primary schools.
- Opportunities to job shadow instructors and teachers working in a variety of schools settings.
- Responsibility or shared responsibility for the development of the Novice Juvenile Pipe Band.
- Organisation of school band trips, events, workshops and competitions.
- Experience of a school Pipe Band Support Committee and fundraising.
- Charity administration (optional).
- Opportunities to develop personal playing skills, achieve additional qualifications, and access other professional development.

Outcomes

Outcomes of the internships will be tailored to the individual; options are outlined in the document 'SSPDT Internships – Strands, Activities, Outcomes'.

Location

The internships will be based at Preston Lodge High School in East Lothian and its cluster primary schools. Interns who choose to add charity administration to their programme will work one day per week at SSPDT's office in Albany Street, Edinburgh.

Management

The piping internship will be managed by the Pipe Major at Preston Lodge High School, and the drumming internship will be managed by the Drum Major.

Hours

We expect that the intern will work an average of 25 hours per week during the school term, with core days being Monday, Thursday, and Friday plus, by arrangement, additional hours during the school term and holidays for events, competitions and two week-long holiday workshops.

An additional day per week gaining experience of charity administration is optional and availability will be confirmed in June.

SSPDT may be able to offer some flexibility around hours to suit the intern's other commitments.

Remuneration

Interns will earn the National Living Wage. Travel expenses to and from competitions and events and other reasonable expenses will also be paid.

The post-holder will receive 5.6 weeks annual paid holiday pro-rata.

Term

Internships will be start from August and will last 12 months. There will be a probationary period of three months.

Applications

Please send your Curriculum Vitae with a covering letter outlining why you are interested in an internship, how you think it would help you, and what attributes and skills you can offer.

Please send your application to **info@sspdt.org.uk**

Closing date

11 June

Interviews

Interviews will be held at Preston Lodge High School, East Lothian, and will include a demonstration of playing and theory skills.

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