



Dads Rock: Early Years Community Music Practitioners (2)

Lead Practitioner (1) & Support Practitioner (1)

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We are funded by Youth Music, Arts Council England and trusts and foundation to deliver a broad range of projects across the South West. We are made up of a small core team of organisers: Executive Director, Programme Manager & Fundraiser and much broader team of highly talented associate musicians and artists.

Dads Rock

Dads Rock started life as a series of taster sessions that were delivered with dads who were accessing mental health services via the Bluebell Charity, and some open sessions in community spaces and music venue including the Cheese & Grain in Frome. Following the success of these sessions we have now secured investment from Youth Music for a more intensive pilot in Radstock, Bath and Bristol.

Dads Rock sessions will start in September 2022 and will continue for the year. They will be delivered in partnership with [Bluebell's Dads In Mind](#) service that supports parents with perinatal depression, [Bristol Music Trust](#) and local children's centres and support services. Dads Rock will provide music interventions for dads that are struggling with their mental health or who are supporting a partner with mental health issues. The sessions will enable dads and their children to explore music and sound through songs, stories, games and free play, whilst also

providing a safe space to connect with other dads, share their stories and support each other on their journeys.

Early Years Community Music Practitioner Roles

The Early Years Music Practitioners will work closely together, and alongside Evolve’s Programme Manager to design and deliver this project. You will have a background in or understanding of community music practice, and some experience of working in early years settings. You will be kind, friendly, caring and communicative with an enthusiastic approach to providing high-quality music and sound exploration experiences that have a positive impact on people’s lives.

Lead Practitioner Tasks	Support Practitioner Tasks
Work alongside the Programme Manager to deliver content for Dads Rock session	Work alongside the Lead Practitioner to support the delivery of musical content for Dads Rock session
Liaise directly with partner organisations & venues on logistical arrangements before and during sessions	Support participants access needs as required
Work alongside the Programme Manager to collect evaluation data	Collect monitoring & evaluation data as required.
Work with the whole team to reflect on sessions and identify ways in which experiences can be improved	Work with the whole team to reflect on sessions and identify ways in which experiences can be improved
Lead Practitioner Essential Capabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experience of delivering creative activities EY sessions ● Music performance skills ● Creative and reflexive delivery style ● Excellent communication skills ● Experience of planning accumulative programmes of creative activity 	Support Practitioner Capabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understanding of or experience in delivering participatory music sessions ● Music performance skills ● Excellent communication skills
Desirable:	Desirable:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Degree level qualification ● Proficiency in at least 1 musical instrument ● Experience of EYFS framework ● Experience in project working, planning and service development ● Access to own transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Degree level qualification ● Proficiency in at least 1 musical instrument ● Youth Work Qualification ● Knowledge of EYFS framework ● Access to own transport
<p>Available budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● £6720 (@ £105 per session) ● Travel expenses can be reimbursed ● Additional budget is available for planning meetings, music leader CPD and training & mental health support such as coaching & mentoring. 	<p>Available budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● £4800 (@ £75 per session) ● Additional budget is available for planning meetings, music leader CPD and training & mental health support such as coaching & mentoring.
<p>Contract type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fixed term ● Freelance 	<p>Contract type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fixed term ● Freelance

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We are delighted to be embarking on a new pilot project, *Dads Rock*, that will provide dads and their children in Radstock, Bristol & Bath with the opportunity to take part in fun and developmental community music and sound exploration activities through a series of 'stay and

play' sessions in local children's centres and support services. These sessions will provide opportunities for dads and their children to explore music and sound through songs, stories, games and free play, whilst also providing a safe space to connect with other dads, share their stories and support each other on their journeys.

We are looking to expand our team of talented associate musicians to help us deliver this project. Ideally, we're looking for at least two musicians: one to lead and one to support.

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How to Apply

If this sounds like something you would be interested in you can either

- Have a chat with Programmes Manager, Mark Scott before making an application by emailing mark@evolvemusic.org.uk or call 07943 973473
 - Or, if you think you have enough information send to us
1. A CV and some written words on your approach to community music-making (no more than 800 words), **OR**
 2. a short video or audio piece which tells us a little bit about who you are, what you've done so far and how you would approach this project

Evolve Music is an equal opportunities employer, so we would also like you to fill in this short form so we can improve what we do: <https://forms.gle/iBExpN8NWWL4orVw7>

Ideally you be able to send us this by the 24th June (10am)

We're hoping to have people on board by the beginning of July so we can start planning and then delivering the sessions in September. We'll also need time to do a DBS check before we start the project.

Good luck!