

What are the desirable skills / qualities of a Music Leader?

(Results of workshop group discussions, presented in no particular order)

Flexible

adaptability

Tolerance for chaos!

Preparedness/Adaptability - being able to pull from the 'back pocket' of skills
responsive

Confident/Freedom to go with the flow

Being flexible and going with the flow of what's happening in a session

open-mindedness (flexibility)

Able to be flexible, go with the flow

Able to let go of your own preconceived ideas

Flexibility

Playful

Playfulness

improvisatory

Enthusiastic

A genuine passion for the work!

Remembering your own passion. Why are you doing this work?

Enthusiasm

enthusiastic

engaging

genuine passion and desire to get to know and inspire the children

Musical and creative skills

creative

Creative thinker

Ability to sing; be able to engage with early years age children; large repertoire of musical activities to draw on

Ability to sing in tune and lead singing

Musical

Musically flexible and creative

Focusing on a musical objective

Resilience

Communication skills

communication

Communicatively engaging

Build rapport with adults

approachability

approachable

Approachable and being present in the moment

Personable

Facilitative

Child centred practice

Child led

Child centred focus/practice

Team worker

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Collaborative

Knowledge of child development and musical development

wider understanding of child development & musical development

Understanding of wider musical progression

Engagement with children = empathy, able to change tack, fund of repertoire, eye contact, observation and listening skills

Specialist

Resourceful and confident in what you are doing

Evaluation skills

Good evaluator on their practice

Good evaluator/ aware of reflective practice

Evaluate

Multi-skilled /jack of all trades

Patient

Sensitive to the needs of the groups they are working with

Understanding of or experience within the demographic needs of the community

The music leader needs to care about the people they work with and be able to inspire

Sensitive

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Awareness of the yp as individuals and a group. What excites the group.

Inclusive

Inclusivity

relishing difference

Being able to see the individual within the group

Be able to inspire the group

Project specific skills

Having the right skills for the project

Reflective and constantly learning

Attemptive - willing to make mistakes to learn

applying own learning

Learning from other practices

Self-awareness

Self-reflexive

self-reflection, self-knowledge and a desire to continuously grow and learn

Reflection

Reflective

reflective practice

Reflective practitioner

Open to learn and reflect

Open to learning

Nurturing including active listening

Listening

Organisational and admin skills

Good at responding to emails.

organisation and being good at emails is also important!!

Organised!!!