

# Find Your Voice

**A unique approach to using voices and technology to fully engage all students and to deliver outstanding music lessons.**

## Overview

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**Musical Futures: Find Your Voice** is a practical, hands-on, inclusive approach for engaging students of all ages with singing through vocal work and the integration of mobile technology. The approach looks at a range of teaching and learning strategies to engage all students with singing in the classroom and to help them feel confident about using their voices and mobile technology to create and explore music.

Find Your Voice developed in response to the 2012 Music in Schools: Wider Still and Wider report that highlighted the scarcity of good vocal work in secondary schools, where nearly half of those inspected were judged inadequate for singing, and the underuse of music technology across all levels were found to be significant barriers to musical progress.

Integrated with the Find Your Voice approach and training is the exploration of the use of mobile phones and tablets as tools for enhancing, extending and creating music. This use of technology has been powerful in demonstrating to teachers and students that mobile devices can be powerful instruments in their own right.

Musical Futures is working in partnership with:

## Aims of the course

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- Explore how to deliver outstanding music teaching with very little equipment / resources
- Experience first-hand how Find Your Voice can have personal, social and emotional benefits as well as musical skills development.
- Discover innovative ways to engage students in exploring their voices.
- Learn how to integrate mobile technology as a creative tool in the classroom.
- Build confidence to embed and sustain vocal work through classroom teaching practice.
- Discover how vocal work can provide an excellent tool for effective baseline assessment.
- Explore ways to develop learning from students own interests and creativity to ensure maximum engagement and achievement in the classroom.

## Sessions

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Find Your Voice will take teachers through the process students will go through, via a series of activities that warm-up and explore the voice, moving onto how students can recreate and create music that they like and identify with.

### Explore.....

- A range of icebreakers and warm-ups using both body and vocal percussion to develop vocal confidence in your students.
- Acapella work through vocalising rhythms, bass lines, chords and melodies culminating in ideas for unique vocal performances in your classroom

### Recreate.....

- A new arrangement of an existing song using mobile technology – through looping, sequencing and recording sections of a song
- Explore a variety of instrument apps available on mobile devices to enhance what has been learnt vocally.

### Integrate.....

- Elements of our Just Play skills building programme using the [Find Your Voice Medley](#) playalong

### Create.....

- Create a unique composition using vocals and technology using the skills and techniques developed during day and how this approach can be adapted to engage the students in your classroom.

## Who is it for?

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- Heads of Music
- Teachers interested in practical approaches for composing with classes
- Primary Music specialists with an interest in vocal work
- Secondary Music specialists
- Classroom music teachers
- Instrumental teachers
- Trainee music teachers
- Newly Qualified music teachers
- Community music practitioners

## What's included?

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- A full day training course delivered in a school setting and where possible, involving a class of students
- A download link to the teachers pack and relevant resources/video guides
- A FREE copy of our new [Find Your Voice Playalong](#)
- Refreshments and lunch