

WANTED: Volunteer musicians for one-off slots for music-themed discussion group for people seeking sanctuary

We are looking for musicians who would be willing to contribute to one of our '*Music Chat*' (AKA *Talking Music* group) sessions. We need people willing to play 20-25 minutes worth of short pieces of music and chat/answer questions about the music, their instrument, their own journey into music and anything else they think participants might be interested in. Participants' levels of English vary but some will have very little so this needs to be taken into account.

The group is run by a non-musician with extensive experience of work with the client group and a talented, experienced violinist. It has developed as an off-shoot of a project to facilitate access to classical music concerts for refugees and asylum-seekers in Sheffield. Although we envisage most of the sessions focussing on classical music, we are open to other genres - eg jazz, folk and will also be listening to music from people's own countries. Most of the participants have no knowledge of western classical music.

The aim is to provide an informal, safe, friendly space where participants can build friendship networks, enjoy, discuss, share, learn a bit more about and listen to music together.

The group will be meeting **fortnightly on Wednesdays 3.15pm - 5pm from September 17th** in a Sheffield city centre venue.

Because this is a volunteer-based project we can't offer any payment for your time. You wouldn't necessarily need to stay for the whole of the session, although it's nice if you can. It is a relatively new initiative and numbers are likely to be small (4 - 8 people to date) and unpredictable so volunteers need to be able to take this in their stride and go with the flow!

If you are interested in participating, or want more information, please get in touch with Naomi Cohen: creativeconnectionssheffield@gmail.com or message 07521 944 567