

Making Music Scotland Committee Meeting 27th June 2009 - summary points

New Committee member Jan Bradley (Dollar Music Society) welcomed to her first meeting.

Finance

- there was a need to ensure clarity in the relationship between budgets prepared for Making Music and those prepared for SAC
- early identification of a successor to Peter Stuart as Treasurer was essential
- summary of guarantees agreed under the 2009-10 Financial Aid process circulated. The few outstanding applications to be handled by the subcommittee via email

Visitor reporting

- brief update on reporting requirements when producing concert assessments for funded groups

Conferences

- the recent MMS Conference in Dundee had been successful
- venues in/around Stirling for the 2010 event were under investigation
- Making Music UK Conference is on 5th September in Leeds - 6 MMS members would be there

Scottish Government & SAC

- R Shaw had met with Mike Russell (Minister) and he and the MMS Chair had attended the first of a series of quarterly briefings updating on the progress towards Creative Scotland
- RS and LY had also had a meeting at SAC to discuss the potential for a new MMS programme for Young People

Young Conductors' Scheme

- progress with the RSAMD in setting up a scheme for young conductors was ongoing

Online Ticketing

- RS wished to fund a pilot with a small number of groups to introduce them to The Booth

Learn to Sing project

- an application for funding had been submitted and the result was awaited

Development Grants

- summary of grants awarded had been circulated. Awards were smaller than usual due to a larger number of applications

ORCAL

- venue for September workshop weekend was being sought

Register update

- Visitors to ensure that groups had completed all details on the Register Forms

Making Music promotional postcards

- each Committee member received a pack of these and suggestions were sought for suitable drop-off points for additional cards. The intention was to raise the profile of Making Music, particularly outwith the current membership of MM

Venues Survey

- information was coming in slowly - completion date end of this year

Making Music Focus Group

- representatives from a small selection of member groups had been invited to attend a focus group on Saturday 25th July from 2 – 4 pm in the RSAMD to take part in a facilitated discussion which will inform the next Five Year Plan

Clusters WP

- next new group would be a Clyde Coast cluster which will meet in early October
- next meeting of the Aberdeen/Aberdeenshire group to be arranged

Equal Opportunities

- Making Music Scotland would be given the Positive About Equal Opportunities Award

Future structure of MMS

- a new working format for the Scotland Committee was approved and will take effect from October

Other

- Phil Hotham, who had resigned at the AGM, was thanked for his work on the Committee
- Ken Walton was welcomed as a new independent assessor - two replacements would be required for Julian Clayton and Paul Mealor for next year
- Jan Bradley had agreed to oversee the visiting of all the promoting groups
- there was a possibility of joining SMC as a Small Business Group Member for the benefit of all MMS member groups - to be explored further

If you have a question about any of the above, please email the Chairman
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