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Wider Opportunities Ceilidh Project

back by popular demand! Now over two days! Summer 2019

what?

an opportunity for children to learn some tunes to play for some country dances and to learn some dances to dance to other children playing.

who?

we're inviting up to 16 Wider Ops classes to sign up for the project, learn the tunes and the dances and come along for a sharing session at Cecil Sharp House on Tuesday 2nd July or Wednesday 3rd July 2019.

The resources are available for anyone to use - even if they're not directly involved in the project. Some people are using them as the shared repertoire for the Wider Ops Jams.

how?

there are spaces for 16 Wider Ops classes to come along to at Cecil Sharp House on 2nd or 3rd July. Please contact sheena.masson@camden.gov.uk if you're interested.

The resources are on the website www.camdenmusic.org

- printed music
- mp3s to play along to
- notation of the dances

when?

summer term 2019
The resources are available for anyone to use, but for those schools signing up for the project, the culmination days are 2nd July or 3rd July.

where?

the culmination session is at Cecil Sharp House. Schools will bring their instruments along in the late morning and then join up for an afternoon of playing and dancing.

why?

music and dancing in many cultures are considered to be the same thing. Western music has largely lost this link. Ceilidh or country or folk dancing is one of the few ways it is still very linked.

This project encourages children to re-establish that link. It gives them the chance to play for a purpose, to play with a sense of ensemble and musicality and to think about a style of music they perhaps haven't encountered before.

And they're likely to enjoy it.

who does what?

we provide:-

- music for your children to learn in Wider Ops sessions
- backing tracks to help
- notation for the dances
- a session to help you and your children learn the dances
- an afternoon at Cecil Sharp House playing and dancing with children from other schools on 2nd or 3rd July

you undertake to:-

- learn at least 3 of the 5 tunes with your children
- find time for a dance-learning session
- pay /arrange for your wider ops tutors to come with you to the project culmination at Cecil Sharp House on 2nd or 3rd July.

does it cost?

resources, dance learning support and the culmination event are provided free of charge. Schools undertake to prepare their children thoroughly and we do ask that schools arrange for / pay for their wider ops tutors to come along to the session at Cecil Sharp House.