



Sing for Pleasure Vocal Leadership Training Programme



for teachers & music tutors

Confidence and expertise in leading vocal groups is one of the most significant musical needs of teachers. Leading choral organisation **Sing for Pleasure** offers an affordable package of vocal leadership training to support music hubs and organisations in building a powerful network of school-based vocal leaders who raise the standard of singing in their areas, and develop more confident young singers.

Who it's for

- Beginner vocal leaders, such as those having recently formed or taken over a choir, or wanting to do so
- Vocal leaders with a small amount of experience
- More experienced vocal leaders wanting to refresh their technique

Teachers who have completed the VLTP will have gained the necessary skills to lead singing with children confidently and efficiently, and develop more responsive choirs. These skills are also transferable to instrumental groups, and will enhance confidence in presentation.

How it works

Based on Sfp's highly successful 5-Day Course (Foundation & Intermediate 1 levels), this flexible programme – totalling 15 1¼-hour sessions – is for school teachers and/or staff from music service providers, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills, develop their technique and explore a wide range of unaccompanied repertoire in a stimulating and supportive environment. The programme includes:-

- Technique sessions, including practical demonstrations of all the key aspects of conducting
- Workshop sessions, giving participants ample podium time to put into practice what they have learnt
- Repertoire sessions, showing teachers how to use Sfp resources effectively in the classroom and beyond
- Discussion time, for troubleshooting and practice-sharing
- Certification, upon completion, as a *Sing for Pleasure Singing Leader*

The course can be spread out over a period of months (up to 1 year) and on different days/times of the week (e.g. half days and weekend days) to suit participants, and to avoid excessive cover costs for schools.

Cost

£3,500 – based on a minimum of 5 participants and a maximum of 10 (including a complete £55 Junior Songbook Pack each). Bolt-on programmes for larger groups also available.

'I have already noticed a difference in the way the children respond to me when I lead singing. They pay more attention to me because I am able to lead them much more effectively.... I feel much more confident about what I am doing.'

2016 course participant

"I love your approach and methodology. You enable people to have a go, make mistakes in a safe environment and build in confidence. I also totally buy into the techniques you are encouraging – a calmer, less complicated way for people to lead a choir without feeling like they have to 'conduct' a choir! Perfect!"

Lisa Mayo, Gloucs Music

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The Vocal Leadership Training Programme – more details

Launched in 2015, the VLTP brings Sing for Pleasure's nationally and internationally acclaimed expertise into a clear and affordable offer to schools via music hubs, to enhance existing vocal provision. We bring a tried and tested approach to conductor training, with levels of progression to suit all abilities, and vocal leadership expertise to upskill classroom teachers, develop vocal tutors and produce outstanding performances. By working in partnership with music hubs and other providers, we can fit into their singing strategies and ensure that the programme is targeted effectively.

In our first year we've worked with Brent Music Service, Bristol Plays Music, Cornwall Music Education Hub, Gloucestershire Music, Leicester-Shire Schools Music Service and Ouseburn Learning Trust (Newcastle). For our second year, we are piloting the new DfE Standard for Teachers' Professional Development.

Types of host	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music hubs• Music service providers• Local authorities• Multi-academy trusts• Higher Education Institutions
No. participants per programme	Min 5, max 10 (this ensures adequate podium time per participant) Contact us for a meeting to explore further, and plan rolling out to your schools/staff
Cost per programme	£3,500 £2,500 per additional programme running at the same time (with some sessions run for combined groups*) <i>Optional add-on taster session, e.g. ½-day INSET, at £500</i> * N.B. some sessions can be expanded to include multiple groups or additional participants
Programme summary	Delivered over 15 x 1¼-hour sessions Topics covered:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intensive vocal leadership training, including:-<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Conducting technique○ Practical workshops• Singing in the classroom and across the school• How to get the most out of your choir
Next steps	Continuation programmes also available for those wanting to build their skills further

For more information, and to arrange a phone call or meeting, please email Baz Chapman, SfP Events Development Manager, at development@singforpleasure.org.uk

Singing strategy support

In addition to the Vocal Leadership Training Programme, we can offer the following to schools and music hubs:-

- Repertoire and resources, with accompanying workshops, using our hugely popular catalogue of publications
- Singing weeks for Gifted & Talented young singers
- One-off singing days for primary schools (prices start from £400 + expenses)

About Sing for Pleasure

Sing for Pleasure believes every child and young person should have access to high quality singing and every teacher should have the confidence to teach it. Our mission is to see every school in the country offering singing to pupils through whole school and classroom delivery, choirs and singing clubs. By embedding a framework of training to support delivery of high quality singing in schools, SfP aims to raise the standard of singing and choral music in schools and the local community. Furthermore, we aim to support and challenge children who demonstrate an aptitude for singing and provide them with the opportunity to perform at regional and national level.

SfP was founded in 1964 as the British branch of the international 'A Coeur Joie' movement. Our primary aim is to encourage the enjoyment of choral singing at all levels, for both children and adults. With our team of highly skilled and experienced tutors, we have been successfully training vocal leaders and running inspirational singing events for fifty years. Hundreds of singers enjoy attending the many national and regional events we run each year and have developed a love of choral music as well as gaining confidence in their singing. Teachers have discovered techniques and repertoire which have been of immense value in their work and conductors have improved their skills and derived great benefit from our conducting courses and professional development programmes.

