



Course Details

If you are aged 18-25 and interested in leading a choir or already have some conducting experience and would like to learn more, then why not come and extend your choral leadership skills by joining **abcd** tutor **Neil Ferris** for a stimulating day of active participation, observation and ideas.

This one day course is designed to lay firm foundations for anyone who has an interest in learning to conduct singing of any kind, or who has recently started to lead a choir.

No previous experience is necessary, but the course is also suitable for those who would like to develop their conducting and vocal technique or have some experience in leading choral music.

Course Content

Topics covered will include:

- Consolidation of beat patterns
- Posture and physical coordination
- Effective rehearsal techniques
- Appropriate choral gestures (or how to get what you want!)
- Shaping vocal line and text
- Ways to engage, motivate and stimulate
- Approaches towards becoming an efficient and effective leader
- Singing and conducting a wide variety of repertoire
- Conducting the Strathclyde University Chamber Choir

Course Date & Time

Saturday 25th October 1000 -1630.

Course Venue

The Pearce Institute
840 – 860 Govan Road
Glasgow
G51 3UU

For a map of the venue location, visit

<http://www.pearceinstitute.org.uk/contact-us/>

Course cost

£20 **abcd** members/£25 non-members

Course tutor

Neil Ferris combines his conducting engagements with his post as Head of Choral Conducting at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. As well as teaching for **abcd**, he has been a guest teacher for the Association of Irish Choirs and at Birmingham Conservatoire.

Neil is currently the Music Director of both Cardiff Polyphonic Choir and Wimbledon Choral Society. He is also Principal Guest Conductor of Birmingham Bach Choir and Convivium Singers. He is Associate Chorus Master of London Symphony Chorus and Chorus Master at the Endellion Summer Festival

Choir

Strathclyde University Chamber Choir - <http://www.strathchamber.org/>

Application Form – *abcd* Young Choral Leaders Day October 2014

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Date of birth _____

To help us plan the day to best meet your needs, please tell us something about your musical experience, such as any past or present musical activities and why you feel the course would be useful for you. You are welcome to attach any additional information on a separate sheet if you wish.

Any choral training/conducting responsibilities (past and/or current)

Summary of any relevant Further/Higher Education/musical qualifications

Why would you like to attend the course?

Payment

- I enclose a cheque
- I wish to pay by Visa Debit or Credit card
- Please send an invoice to the address given

Credit/Debit Card (Mastercard/Visa only)

Name as it appears on the card

Card number _____

Expiry Date _____ CV2 _____

Cheques payable to the Association of British Choral Directors

Please return your form and payment **by Monday 13th October 2014** to:

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If you would like more information about the course, do get in touch via the email above or on 07805 454563.

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