

Get them singing, keep them singing

abcd has recognised an ever-growing need for good quality vocal leadership training in schools and has developed a flexible range of courses for all those involved in leading young singers.

Courses can be offered in partnership with local Music Hubs, Music Service providers, Academy Trusts, or through a single school or group of schools: do contact us to discuss your own needs.



Leading singing in primary schools

This course is aimed at teachers who wish to develop their knowledge of leading singing for young voices. This training would be suitable for:

- Primary School teachers who would like to find out more about leading singing
- Primary School music co-ordinators
- Music hubs
- Student teachers (PGCE and SCIT)
- Teaching Assistants

We recommend that the course is run as a 3-day course, though it can be adapted and reduced to 1 or 2 days if required. The course can be spread out over a period of months and held at times to suit your individual group, including Saturdays or twilights. The course works best with a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 17. Detailed content will be tailored to the group as appropriate, but will cover the following key skills:

Day 1:

- Vocal health, development and awareness
 - Finding the child's voice (humming, whispering, thinking, singing)
 - Understanding appropriate pitch ranges
 - Pitch-matching and call & response skills
 - Singing games
 - Using your voice to lead singing effectively
- Repertoire
 - fun warm-up ideas
 - Appropriate road-tested repertoire
 - Repertoire to enhance whole school learning
- Ensemble singing in the classroom
 - Encouraging and developing use of singing across the curriculum
 - Teaching tools and strategies for enabling good quality singing
 - Ideas to encourage reading music notation
- Teacher as singing leader
 - Encouraging positive engagement, creativity and participation

Day 2:

- Further vocal development
- Development of leadership skills
- Extended repertoire
- How to establish, develop and maintain choirs/vocal ensembles

Day 3:

A fully bespoke training day tailored to the needs of the group.

Guideline price: £225 per participant, based on a 3-day course for a group of 10.

To find out more and discuss your specific needs, contact our Training Manager, Penny Homer, on 07805454563 or penny.homer@abcd.org.uk

- *'Feel like we are really starting to raise the profile (coolness!) of singing in the school! Thanks for all your help and support – can't wait for next CPD day – more fantastic ideas.'*
- *'The Deputy Head and TA's have said that the children are more excited to learn. They are much more focused and tuneful. The behaviour has also improved as a result.'*
- *'I've stood at the front rather than hiding behind the piano'*
- *'I thoroughly enjoyed every part and found it to be a rocket to my development.'*