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### 1 The Big Hoo-Ha Company (an LMEP partner)

Woolpack Studios, Otley, LS21 3AB  
jen@bighooaha.co.uk / 07956205151  
Provides vocal opportunities for primary and secondary ages plus learning disabled groups to create original material. Projects include, Music technology and composition, music theatre, tailor-made subject specific composition, and performance projects such as Rock Opera in a range of musical genres. Record a song Birthday Parties are a speciality.

### 2 ArtForms Wetherby Music Centre (an LMEP partner)

Wetherby High School, LS22 6JS / Saturday mornings  
wetherby.music.centre@leeds.gov.uk  
Paula Brookes: 07545 603951  
Classes include Mini Music Makers, Pop Choir (for all the family), Folk Group, Rock and Pop band plus a full range of instrumental teaching.

### 3 ArtForms North Leeds Music Centre (an LMEP partner)

Allerton C of E Primary School, LS17 7HL / Saturday mornings  
north.leeds.music.centre@leeds.gov.uk  
Mark Sturdy: 07545 603957 or 0113 378 2850 (from 9-5 pm)  
Classes include Mini Music Makers, Find Your Voice, Songbook, Rock Band, and opportunities for those with special or additional educational needs.

### 4 ArtForms Horsforth Music Centre (an LMEP partner)

Horsforth School, LS18 5RF / Saturday mornings  
horsforth.music.centre@leeds.gov.uk  
Alex Wibrew: 07545 603953  
Classes include A Capella singing, Blues Band, Jazz Band, Latin Salsa Music, Rock Bands, Sing the Shows, Songwriting, Singing (group and solo) and Making Music (young children).

### 5 Roundhay Music (an LMEP partner)

www.roundhaymusic.org / 0113 269 7754  
enquiries@roundhaymusic.org  
Provides expert vocal tuition on an individual or small group basis and offers singing lessons in most genres (classical and jazz, to folk and pop). Sight-singing, aural training, voice projection and diction are also covered. Community choirs are also available.

### 6 Heather Coulton

LS8 5PX / contact@heathercoulton.com  
Leads a number of singing projects with community choirs and stage schools. Individual lessons (Pop, Rock and Musical Theatre) are also available as is training in Complete Vocal Technique which enables singers to do absolutely anything humanly possible with their voice, in a healthy way.

### 7 ArtForms Guiseley Music Centre (an LMEP partner)

Guiseley School, LS20 8DT / Saturday mornings  
guiseley.music.centre@leeds.gov.uk  
Sarah Baker: 07545 603952  
Classes include Big Sing, Latin Band, Jazz, GMC Voices, Beginner Songwriting, Folk group and Music Makers.

### 8 Bee Sharp

Headingley, LS6 / beesharp@mail.com / 07979838619  
Fun fortnightly themed sessions for pre-school children: singing, dancing and playing musical instruments to improve social, aural, verbal and kinesthetic skills.



### 9 Tiny Tempo

Stainbeck Community Hall, LS7 2EA and Seven Arts Café, LS7 3PD  
tinytempoleeds@hotmail.co.uk  
For babies and toddlers, led by classically trained musicians and early years music specialists: a sensory mix of live singing and instrumental music, developing creativity and spatial awareness skills.

### 10 Peridot Hill

LS7 2EH / 07913926702  
Currently teaching vocals at The Grammar School At Leeds. Freelance lessons offered. Currently training to be a Certified Master Teacher (CMT) in Estill Voice Training.

### 11 House of Mook

LS6 4JB / mail@mookhouse.ndo.co.uk  
Provides rehearsal and recording services to musicians of all ages. Young solo singers/musicians (booking in for a recording) must have an adult stay with them. Bands may be dropped off/collected



### 12 YAMSEN Accord Choirs (an LMEP partner)

www.yamsen.org.uk / takepartch.htm  
Jo Winster@gmail.com  
Meanwood Community Centre, LS7 2QU  
Tuesday morning (monthly)  
One Accord (secondary) & Young Accord (primary) choirs for young people with additional needs across Yorkshire: in mainstream or specialist settings. Songs increase participants' communication, social and musical skills. Regular performances.



### 13 Seven Jazz Choir

Seven Arts, LS7 3PD  
www.sevenjazz.co.uk / seven-choir  
crockersteve@ntlworld.com / 07544 352594  
Monday's 7-9pm  
Offers a performing choir, instrumental workshops, international concerts, opportunities for regional ensembles, and encourages young local talent (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Shsk1Ax2DRw). The fortnightly choir at Inkwell, LS7 3LE sings popular jazz tunes, taught by ear. If you like jazz and like to sing, come along and try it out. No audition. Minimum age limit 16 (younger if accompanied by an adult).

### 14 A Quiet Word

LS8 4HE / alisonandrews@mac.com  
Musicians and writers collaborate with people city-wide to create vocal performances which animate the spaces and places in which they live and work.

### 15 The Leeds Music Hub

info@theleedsmusicclub.co.uk / 0113 3458661  
Offers vocal tuition, choirs.



### 16 Leeds School's Music Association (LSMA) (an LMEP partner)

ArtForms, LS6 2LG  
educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk / 0113 378 2850  
Annual festival concerts in Leeds Town Hall give schools citywide the opportunity to come together and perform. The Christmas Concert includes a 340 strong years 5 and 6 choir, and the three-day Summer Festival features The Big Sing Leeds for 1000 pupils, plus a Festival Choir of 200 children and a secondary schools concert. The impact of such performances can last a lifetime, enhancing young people's music making.

### 17 Roots Alive (a CLYM group)

ArtForms, LS6 2LG  
educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk / 0113 378 2850  
Friday 4.30-6.30 pm  
Plays traditional British and Irish music and welcome singers. Reading music is not essential since playing by ear or memory is an important part.



### 18 Leeds Youth Jazz Rock Orchestra (LYJRO) (a CLYM group)

ArtForms, LS6 2LG  
educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk / 0113 378 2850  
Monday 4.45-7.00 pm  
LYJRO is a performing band, ages 15-18, playing latin, jazz rock, swing, funk and soul. No audition but members generally play at Grade 6 level. You are welcome to attend a rehearsal before joining.

### 19 Free Range

Hyde Park, LS6 / www.freerangechoir.org.uk  
Frances Bernstein: 077595 63848  
Tuesday's 7.30-9pm  
A non-auditioning SATB choir for singers of all ages with experience exploring a wide ranging and original repertoire. Regular performances.



### 20 ELFM and Heads Together (an LMEP partner)

Chapel FM, LS14 6JB / 0113 225 5944  
www.elfm.co.uk / info@elfm.co.uk  
Next Generation is a weekly intensive training course for young people at secondary school, in music, broadcasting, words and community journalism, including beginner vocal coaching, with Kathryn Sturman. Work created by our 'Next Geners' is on our website.

### 21 ArtForms East Leeds Music Centre (an LMEP partner)

Leeds East Academy, LS14 / Saturday mornings  
east.leeds.music.centre@leeds.gov.uk  
Nik Rutherford: 07545 603956  
Classes include Tiny Voices, Unplugged (acoustic and folk), Sing for Fun choir, Artist Development, The Wreckin' Crew (rock and pop).



### 22 Lifeforce Productions (an LMEP partner)

Leeds Media Centre, LS7 3HZ  
info@lifeforceproductions.co.uk  
Positive engagement in the arts through singing and songwriting at Lifestepz Evening Drop-ins, after-school Soul Sister Salon inspires, motivates and empowers young people to make enduring changes to their lives. Structured, accredited multi media training for Alternative Curriculum learners and citywide school holiday activities.

### 23 Tessa Smith

LS13 / www.tessasmith.com / info@tessasmith.com  
Tessa, a sought-after choir leader, is experienced in teaching Pop, Musical Theatre, Classical and Jazz to Primary children through to Adults. Leeds College of Music graduate, part time lecturer at Huddersfield University.

### 24 Leeds Children's Choir (ages 5-8) (a CLYM group)

Sacred Heart Primary School, LS4 2TF  
educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk / 0113 378 2850  
Tuesdays 4.20-5.20 pm  
For children who are just beginning to want to sing in a group. A fun way to gain vocal confidence whilst making new friends.

### 25 Leeds Schools' Choir (ages 8-11) (a CLYM group)

Sacred Heart Primary School, LS4 2TF  
educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk / 0113 378 2850  
Tuesdays 5.20-6.50 pm  
The choir develops confidence and skills, singing a range of lively songs (pop, jazz, gospel, musical theatre and classical) and performs in exciting venues like Leeds Town Hall. Members need to be able to pitch notes accurately but do not need to be able to read music.

### 26 James Heselwood

LS6 4HX / jamesheselwood@gmail.com  
Takes rock band projects into SEN schools and day centres. Delivers singing and music sessions for Purple Patch Arts, Pyramid of Arts, First Floor and People in Action, for all abilities and ages (Electronic, Jazz, Pop and Heavy Metal). Private tuition for those with a learning disability.

### 27 Singing Lessons Leeds

LS4 2RY / Lily Moharrer: 08458 690 679  
www.singinglessonsleeds.com  
info@singinglessonsleeds.com  
Individually tailored vocal tuition for students of all ages and abilities, from beginners or aspiring stars to professional musicians. Find your unique style and voice through postural support, breathing technique or volume control.

### 28 Yorkshire College of Music & Drama

LS2 9BN / 0113 243 1605  
www.yorkshire-music-lessons.co.uk  
info@yorkshire-music-lessons.co.uk  
Offer singing lessons daily from 3-8 pm for anyone aged 7 to 70. Lessons are fun and those who want can work towards Associated Board, Trinity and London College (musical theatre) exams.

### 29 Harmony

Burmantofts, LS9 / harmonychoir.org.uk  
Frances Bernstein: 077595 63848  
Thursdays 6-7.30pm  
A vibrant open access multi-racial community choir near St James' Hospital which gives regular performances.



### 30 Space2

emmat@space2.org.uk / 0113 3200159 ext1  
Offers co-produced large and small scale participatory vocal and drama projects and community choirs, in some of Leeds' most challenged neighbourhoods. Collaborations include an annual showcase of Leeds' talent at Space2's Recipe for Life, presented at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, and original productions including 'Gipton The Musical' (with its 200 strong cast) shown at WYPH in 2015.

### 31 Jenny Chamberlain Smith

LS12 3QN / jennysmithmusic@gmail.com / 077093 11650  
Singing teacher and choir leader.



### 32 Rock School UK (an LMEP associate)

www.rockschooluk.com / info@rockschooluk.com  
Holiday courses during half terms, Easter, and throughout the Summer 6 weeks. Each course runs for 5 days from 10-4pm. A Week of Jamming, Recording & Giggling for boys and girls aged 9-16 - any voice or instrument and any ability. Complete beginners welcome, as are more experienced singers and players. Rock School UK also delivers one day workshops for schools.

### 33 Sophie Thiruchelvam

LS12 / sajennings2003@yahoo.co.uk / 07979 838619  
Vocal teacher offering personalised lessons to suit your needs and the skills you want to focus on. Sing for fun, improve your technique and study for grades (classical or pop) if you want.



### 34 Opera North Education (LMEP partner)

LS1 6NU / www.operanorth.co.uk/education  
education@operanorth.co.uk  
Explore opera and discover how the work of Opera North enriches lives.  
- Opera North Family: One-off workshops, small-scale family shows and 'Little Singers' weekly programme for pre-school children.

### 34 Opera North Education (continued...)

- Opera North Children's Chorus (ONCC) (ages 8-14): Develop a life-long love of singing while furthering your musical education and talent. Sing secular and sacred music from a range of genres. Weekly rehearsals provide expert training and guidance which develops outstanding vocal technique and musicianship skills. Professional directors and movement specialists develop drama and stagecraft skills. Perform alongside the Chorus and Orchestra of Opera North. Entry is by audition.

- Opera North Youth Chorus (ONCY) (ages 14-19): Gain the skills and experience needed to become a well-rounded performer. Exploring music from a range of genres, develop your singing voice and musicianship skills in weekly sessions. Develop drama and stagecraft skills with professional directors and movement specialists. Perform locally and nationally. Entry is by audition.

- Opera North Holiday Courses: working with the ON Chorus or Orchestra.

- Opera North School Activity: Schools who become Opera North Singing Schools can work with professional artists either on site or at Opera North to explore their own creativity and enhance their delivery of the school music curriculum.



### 35 The Diocese of Leeds Singing Programme

Leeds Cathedral, LS2 8BE / 0113 244 8634  
office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk  
The Cathedral has five dedicated choirs performing in rotation, at eight services each week and also works with 2500 children in six auditioned boys' choirs and girls' choirs in 43 schools.



### 36 Leeds Youth Choir (a CLYM group)

Oxford Place Methodist Church, LS1 3AX  
educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk / 0113 2378 2850  
Thursdays 7.00-8.30pm  
Develop confidence and enjoy learning new songs in many different styles (Jazz, Classical, Pop, Folk and World Music). No audition required, ability to read music useful but not essential. Singers of high school age welcome to come along and try the group out. We sing at a number of concerts in Leeds, further afield and compete at regional festivals.



### 37 Leeds Lieder+ (an LMEP associate)

Leeds Town Hall, LS1 3AD / 0113 234 6956  
info@leedslieder.org.uk  
Discover, compose and perform art songs through school projects including Discovering Lieder (Primary) and Cool Lieder (Secondary). All projects are led by exceptional professional creative artists and broaden cultural horizons, explore talent and develop voices.



### 38 Leeds Youth Opera (a CLYM group)

Leeds Church Institute, LS1 6DG  
leedsyouthopera@aol.com  
Saturdays 9.15am-12.00pm  
Singing, drama and dance opportunities for young people aged 12 to 25, performing two fully staged shows per year from Mozart to Sweeney Todd. There are no formal entry requirements but most members have sung in school or church choirs or are confident enough to sing a solo. Auditions are held for principal roles. There is also an annual summer school.

### 39 First Floor (an LMEP partner)

West Yorkshire Playhouse, LS2 7UP  
firstfloor@wyp.org.uk / 0113 245 5252  
Friday teatime  
Meet new friends, discover new talents and develop your singing and rapping skills in a range of activities for 11 to 19 year olds (14 to 25 with a learning disability). Programmes for young people not in full time education, training or employment also happen during the school day.



### 40 Asmarina Voices

First Floor, West Yorkshire Playhouse, LS2 7UP  
shreena.gobey@wyp.org.uk / 0113 245 5252  
Friday lunchtime  
A choir for refugee and asylum-seeking women. Accompanied children are welcome. Bus fares can be covered.



### 41 Saturday Music School (an LMEP partner)

Leeds College of Music, LS2 7PD  
www.lcm.ac.uk/courses/Young-Musicians  
Singers aged between 9 and 18 can gain band or small group experience, participate in workshops (improvisation, performance skills, working in the music industry, film music), and develop their musical understanding through music theory or composition. Entry is by informal audition: musical potential is more important than the standard reached. Most students have been having lessons for two years before joining.

### 41 Young People's Short Courses (an LMEP partner)

Leeds College of Music, LS2 7PD  
www.lcm.ac.uk/courses/short-courses/suitable-for-under-18s  
Offers band recording, Record a Song in a Day, vocal lessons, choir, and rehearsal space.  
Developing Your Songwriting, Sight-reading for Singers, Come and Sing Days and Jazz improvisation weekends are offered throughout the year.

### 42 Yorkshire Young Musicians (YYM) (an LMEP partner)

Leeds College of Music, LS2 7PD  
01845 597 627  
www.yorkshireyoungmusicians.org.uk  
Provides advanced training for exceptionally talented young singers and musicians, aged 8 and 18, from across the county. Aspiring singers, who want to give music a more prominent role in their lives, can study with some of the best teachers in the country and work and perform with like-minded young musicians.

### 43 Voices of the Day

Yorkshire Dance, LS9 8AH / www.voicesoftheday.co.uk / Tuesday evening  
A community choir singing soul through to Motown and funky pop variations. If you love singing, or want to fall in love with it, come and join. No audition. New members welcome. Under 16s to be accompanied.

### 44 Leeds Minster

LS27DJ / www.leedsminster.org  
The Minster has provided children and young people with opportunities to sing since 1815.

### 45 Anne-Marie Czajkowski, MMus, BA (Hons), ARCM (PG)

www.garforthsingschools.co.uk / 0113 286 2513  
Singing and piano lessons. Specialising in classical, jazz, music theatre styles, light pop.

### 46 Arts Live

Garforth Academy, LS25 1LJ / 0113 212 7127  
www.arts-live.co.uk / info@arts-live.co.uk  
Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings  
A wide range of vocal activities for all abilities & ages, including Rock, Pop and Alternative music (11-17 years), Junior Rock Band (9-13 years), Folk and Acoustic music (11-17 years), Garforth Jazz Rock Band (14 years+).

### 47 High Notes Junior Choir

All Saints Church, Sherburn in Elmet, LS25 6AX  
susan@cooltaylor.plus.com / 01977 685132,  
Thursday 5.30pm to 6.30pm  
We sing all kinds of music, from medieval to modern and everything in between. If you're aged 6-12 years and like singing, just come every week. No auditions

### 48 Accomplish: Live to Create

LS28 5HZ / admin@livetocreate.co.uk  
Vocal and instrumental sessions, from qualified teachers and professional practitioners, in pre-school settings and through group or individual tuition, help children express themselves through rhythm and song and introduces them to a world of imagination and creativity.

### 49 Music Nation

info@musicnationleeds.com  
Offer songwriting, mentoring and band skills programs, so you can experience aspects you don't get from simply learning how to sing.



### 50 Pyramid of Arts

LS11 9RT / 0113 234 6040 / Text 07531 215 999  
info@pyramid-of-arts.org.uk  
Saturday morning (fortnightly)  
A free singing group open to anyone, particularly welcoming people with learning disabilities. The group sings all genres of music but especially enjoys '50s rock 'n' roll, country and folk.

### 51 Vocologee

Old Chapel Music Studios, LS11 9PR  
info@vocologee.co.uk / 07577897363  
Thursday 7-8.30pm  
Sing and enjoy music together, performing challenging arrangements and fun mash-ups!



### 52 Old Chapel Music Studios

LS11 9PR / 0113 246 5173  
www.oldchapel.leeds.com  
oldchapel.leeds@gmail.com  
Offers band recording, Record a Song in a Day, vocal lessons, choir, and rehearsal space.



### 53 South Asian Arts UK (an LMEP partner)

LS11 / 0113 244 5523  
education@saa-uk.org  
www.saa-uk.org  
SAA-UK's mission is to enrich people's lives through engagement and participation in traditional and contemporary South Asian music and dance. They offer a range of vocal classes at their Sunday music academy, school workshops, and a summer school in both Indian folk and classical music.

### 54 ArtForms South Leeds Music Centre (an LMEP partner)

Morley Newlands Primary School, LS27 8DG  
Saturday mornings  
south.leeds.music.centre@leeds.gov.uk  
Sophie Bevan: 07545 603954  
Classes include SEND Music time, Rock Band, Songwriting, Music Passport, Singing lessons and Choir.

### 55 ArtForms Rothwell Music Centre (an LMEP partner)

Rodillian Academy, WF3 3PS  
Saturday mornings  
rothwell.music.centre@leeds.gov.uk  
Sarah Smith: 07545 603950  
Classes include Pre-school Fun Music, Singing Group and Soul Band.

### Competitions & Festivals



www.federationoffestivals.org.uk and www.vocalist.org.uk give links to local and national competitions for solo singers, vocal duets, groups and choirs.

The nearest ones to Leeds are:  
Rothwell: www.rothwellmusicfestival.shutterfly.com  
Wharfedale: www.wharfedalefestival.co.uk

Harrogate: www.hcfmsd.co.uk  
Bingley: www.bingleyrobertshaw.org.uk

Skipton: www.skiptonmusicfestival.co.uk  
Huddersfield: www.mrsunderlandfestival.com

Halmfrith: www.hmf.org.uk  
Penistone: www.pcmf.org.uk

Sheffield: www.donvalleyfestival.org.uk

They have categories including pop, classical, folk, opera, jazz, musical theatre, open mic, singer-songwriter, songs from the shows, and own choice which you can enter whatever your age.

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