

NYO INSPIRE APPLICATIONS

Dear CLYO and CLYWO parents, carers and members,

Please see the email below from the National Youth Orchestra about an opportunity they have asked us to tell you about.

Catherine

We are writing to let you know that we have just opened recruitment for our NYO Inspire activity over the coming year.

This year, **we're expanding NYO Inspire so it's bigger than ever before**: as well as musicians playing at Grade 6 and above who attend a state school, who are home schooled, or who are Black, Asian or ethnically diverse, we are also inviting every teenager in the country who plays at Grade 8 standard or above to apply for NYO Inspire this year. This means, everyone who was planning to audition for NYO 2021 should apply for NYO Inspire, and we will be devising a series of physical and digital projects for all of these musicians at a range of standards.

You can find all the information about NYO Inspire on our website: <https://www.nyo.org.uk/inspire>

We will be in touch with further details of the projects as we shape them, but in the meantime, please do spread the word and share the information below with any young musicians who might be interested, and who would like to have an NYO experience over the coming year.

If you have any questions, please do email me on inspire@nyo.org.uk

Best wishes,
Rachel

[**APPLY to NYO Inspire 2021 NOW**](#)

NYO Inspire is bigger than ever before: submit your application by 30 November 2020 for a year of musical opportunities

Our musical activity looks a little different this year, but our message is the same: if you were hoping to join NYO 2021, or if you are eligible to take part in NYO Inspire, we want to hear from you!

We are determined to meet as many of you as possible, and create as many opportunities as we can for you to meet each other, share your skills, and create great music together.

We're doing this by expanding NYO Inspire to make it bigger than ever before, with more musicians and more projects than in previous years.

What is NYO Inspire:



NYO Inspire is our programme designed to widen access to orchestral music for those musicians traditionally underrepresented in the sector: musicians in state education, and musicians who are Black, Asian or ethnically diverse. If this sounds like you, and you play at Grade 6 or above then we'd like to invite you to fill in an application form.

Grade 8 Musicians:

If you play at Grade 8 standard, we would like to invite you apply to be part of our expanded NYO Inspire activity through this same application form: this includes musicians who would have hoped to audition for NYO this year. Opportunities for Grade 8 musicians are open to all teenagers, regardless of where you are educated.

If you play at Grade 8 standard, we'll also be in touch over the coming weeks to invite you to submit a video as part of your application. We'll use these videos to get to know how you play, and help us assign you to musical activities across the year. In addition there may be opportunities for successful applicants to take part in NYO activity throughout the year.

What will it cost?

Some of our activity across the year will have a fee attached, but we have a generous bursary scheme for any musician who needs financial support to take part with specific funds available for NYO Inspire eligible musicians.

What will the activity be?

NYO Inspire activity will include a mixture of digital and in-person events and residencies. Some activity will be targeted at those playing at certain grades, and there will be a mixture of orchestral, creative and ensemble projects.

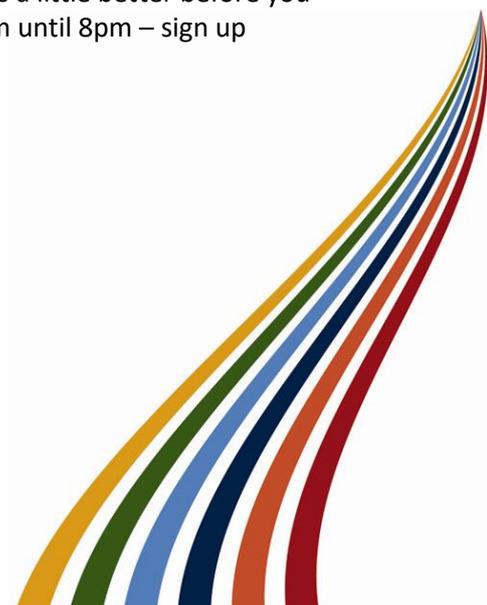
More dates will be shared as planning progresses but some initial dates we are looking at include:

January – August	Digital projects
13– 23 February	Regional projects
7– 18 April	NYO and NYO Inspire: Orchestral Residencies (3-5 days)
29 May – 7 June	NYO Inspire: Ensembles Residencies
25 July – 8 August	NYO and NYO Inspire: Orchestral residencies (8-14 days)

The deadline for applications is 30 November 2020.

If you'd like to find out more about the year ahead we are planning in consultation with NYO and NYO Inspire musicians, we'll be running an online 'Open Evening' with musicians, to give you and your parents an opportunity to ask questions, say hello, and get to know us a little better before you submit your application. This Open Evening will be on 24 November at 6pm until 8pm – sign up to the [Zoom meeting on this link](#) to add it to your diary.

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