



WOMEN SHAPE MUSIC - TEACHER INFORMATION SHEET

Here you will find all the information you need about Women Shape Music! Whether you are looking for more information, looking to request a session, or you have suggestions, please do read on and get in touch with us!

WHERE DID WOMEN SHAPE MUSIC START?

Women Shape Music originally started as the major project for my undergraduate degree in music at the University of Sheffield. The idea came from discussions I had with women working in the music industry, as well as things I had read and seen on social media. I knew that positive female role models were needed to encourage more girls to pursue careers in the music industry, and my degree posed the perfect opportunity to create change.

WHAT HAS WOMEN SHAPE MUSIC ALREADY ACHIEVED?

The original project, and what I carried out for my degree, was a set of four in-person lectures in schools in Sheffield. These were carried out by four professional women local to Sheffield who are all excelling in their fields. More information about them can be found in the 'Meet Our Speakers' tab on our website! These incredible women volunteered their time to the project, and we are so grateful to have their expertise. These lectures were recorded, and can be found in the "Videos" tab, also on our website! Alongside these recorded lectures, you will also find shorter videos sent by professional women from all over the country. This widens the reach of the project, as we have videos from women of all different professions, including music therapy, composition, conducting, music events management, and music education. These videos are available for anyone to use, in classrooms or at home!

WHAT CAN I FIND ON YOUR WEBSITE, AND WHAT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR ME?

On our website, you can find lots of videos straight from women working in the music industry that are completely unique to this project, as mentioned above. You can also find out more about the project's aims, the speakers, and information about how to contact us. You will also find a 'Resources' tab, that will provide more websites, podcast episodes, videos and reports that may be useful to you and your students. Make sure to keep an eye on this page - we update it often with more resources!

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

If you would like to arrange a visit from Women Shape Music, please get in touch with us via the routes mentioned on our website! Make sure to watch the videos of the lectures that have already happened to get an idea of what we can offer. Equally, if you have any other ways that we can support you and your students, please let us know - we are happy to work with you on how we can best support you.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR US?

To help support this project, you can spread the word! Send our website to other educators to widen the reach of our project. We have already seen changes in schools thanks to this project, and we want to continue this work! You can also support us by telling us about when you utilise the project website and resources, so we can get an idea about how many people we have reached.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE OF WOMEN SHAPE MUSIC LOOK LIKE?

In the future, we are hoping to deliver more sessions from more amazing women. We also want to collect more videos and resources to add to our website, from a range of different careers in music. Longer-term, we are looking to host a Women Shape Music conference, and even start a mentoring scheme, pairing female students with female professionals to inspire them and spread the expertise of the women that we have involved. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, then please let us know!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any questions or queries about this project, then please get in touch! Equally, if you would like to enquire about hosting a Women Shape Music session, we would love to hear from you! If our typical sessions aren't exactly what you're looking for, let us know and we can see what we can do for you.

We would also love to hear any suggestions you have for this project, as well as any ways in which this project has impacted your students - we love to hear success stories! Please do not hesitate to get in touch about any of the above, or anything else you can think of, and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.