

## Continuing Professional Development for secondary music teachers with options for accreditation

**Listen Imagine Compose** supports teachers by developing their skills and confidence in teaching composing through research and Continuing Professional Development. Featured in Music Teacher Magazine and at music education conferences nationally and internationally, **Listen Imagine Compose** “has played a significant part in improving the musical and educational understanding of professional musicians, teachers and academics” - Mark Philips, HMI Music, 2012.

Accredited **CPD** for secondary music teachers is now available which develops skills in teaching composing with KS3, GCSE and A level students.

- The course is delivered locally in partnership with local hosts;
- The course is accredited by Birmingham City University at Level 7 (Certificate/ Diploma/ Masters);
- Students can be a mix of those who do and do not wish to be accredited, subject to a minimum of 6 being accredited;
- The year-long programme comprises 6 x 3 hour sessions plus additional time spent undertaking action research in the classroom and reflection on professional practice.

### During the course teachers:

- Reflect on what composing with young people entails;
- Learn new creative strategies for teaching composing;
- Develop pedagogic strategies for teaching composing;
- Develop existing schemes of work;
- Undertake Action Research;
- Are mentored by a leading academic and teacher trainer;
- Work with professional composers;
- Network and learn from other secondary music teachers participating in the CPD.

### Teachers doing Listen Imagine Compose have said:

*“The best CPD I’ve ever had in terms of catering for my needs as a teacher and a musician.”*

*“The sessions have been really inspirational – great to work with the composers and musicians too!”*

*“New strategies and approaches to teaching composition in the classroom. Having time to reflect on what you do and the impact.”*

*“I like how the coursework feeds directly into my work in the classroom... to develop my practice and improve my students’ results and enthusiasm for the subject.”*

### Costs

- Stage 1: Most teachers embarking on the **Listen Imagine Compose** CPD will have sufficient prior learning to gain accreditation at Stage 1 at no cost (eg PGCE). Other credits gained at level 7 from other relevant courses may be transferred for £50. Accreditation of Prior Learning (if no university credits) entails completing additional modules; the cost for this is £600/module.
- Stage 2: Most teachers embarking on the **Listen Imagine Compose** CPD will start here. Cost: £2,200 if accredited.
- Stage 3: Professional Practice Enquiry (accredited learners only): £2,200.

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## How the accreditation works

	<b>Qualification in Teaching and Learning</b>	<b>Qualification in Educational Leadership</b>	
<b>Based in the workplace, linked to personal, professional and institutional development priorities</b>			
Stage 1 60 Credits	Credits from previous study (eg PGCE) or accreditation of prior learning (APL) can be used here. If no university credits, then accredit prior experiential learning (APEL) by undertaking additional modules from Stage 2.	Credits from previous study (eg PGCE) or accreditation of prior learning (APL) can be used here. If no university credits, then accredit prior experiential learning (APEL) by undertaking additional modules from Stage 2.	= PgCert
<p>Cost: there may be a cost involved in verifying and accrediting prior learning by Birmingham City University. This has to be done on a case-by-case basis but as an example, most PGCE courses undertaken in the last 10 years can be accredited for no cost; transfer of credits gained at MA level from other relevant courses may be transferred for £50. Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (when no university credits) entails completing additional modules; the cost is £600/module.</p>			
Stage 2 60 Credits	2 modules chosen from the following and drawing on the Listen Imagine Compose course content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching and learning, personalisation and assessment for learning</li> <li>• Subject knowledge and curriculum development</li> <li>• Learner development and inclusion</li> <li>• Leadership and management, working with others.</li> </ul>	2 modules chosen from the following and drawing on the Listen Imagine Compose course content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership and management, working with others;</li> <li>• Professional development, coaching and mentoring;</li> <li>• Institutional effectiveness, change and improvement;</li> <li>• Partnership working and community involvement.</li> </ul>	= PgDip Teaching and Learning or PgDip Educational Leadership
Cost if accredited: £2,200			
Stage 3 60 Credits	Professional Practice Enquiry (Teaching and Learning)	Professional Practice Enquiry (Educational Leadership)	= Masters in Teaching and Learning or Masters in Educational Leadership
Cost: £2,200 (option only available to those being accredited)			