

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Sixty young singers aged 7 - 11 at Winsley and Churchfields Schools want to take part in two fantastic shows called 'Pass the Flame'. Our shows are about Olympic ideals and are part of the 2012 Small Schools Music Festival. They will include songs that we helped to write. We are working with Kate Courage and Dave King, two brilliant local musicians and composers.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Both shows will be at the Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon.

3. When will the initiative take place?

Winsley's show is at 7pm on Friday 15 June and Churchfields Show is at 7pm on Friday 29 June 2012.

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

We are working with other village schools. Singing our songs all together is amazing – we are really loud! We will have a band too! Performing all together in our own show will be great! Kate says the Centre will be full of people. This is a really fun way of learning about the Olympics and some of the important values that the Olympics represent.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

We get to write and sing our own songs and perform in our own show. The songs are about amazing famous people who helped make the world a better place. They came from different countries and they all did their best, like Olympic athletes. Lots of children are taking part and our shows will be brilliant, we will have a big audience. Singing is lots of fun and our songs are great.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Kate Courage is managing the project with other local musicians. Wiltshire Music Centre is helping too.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

It costs £980 for each group of 30 singers to take part. The total is £1,960 for children from our two schools. Our schools raised £450 each so that we could have a composer to help us write the songs and learn to sing them. So now we only have to raise another £520 for 60 children from our 2 schools to put on the show for our families.

8. Additional information

Kate Courage writes:

This project is specially designed for children who live in small villages and rural communities. They don't often get the chance to sing together in larger groups and experience the power of their young voices.

The workshops I give are quite separate from and additional to the schools' regular curriculum work. Yet it helps to enrich the musical life both of the children taking part and of their schools.

The standards that the children can achieve by working with professional musicians active in the community, and working together with children from other schools is remarkable. As well as inspiring the children to achieve their best in music, this project takes Olympic themes to inspire them to do their best in everything they do, like the great people whose extraordinary lives and achievements are the subject of their songs, and like the athletes taking part in London 2012

Kate helped Laura, Euan and Olivia put this application together. The whole of Year 5 and 6 at Winsley School hope that this helps us to be successful in our bid..