

LYC Assistant Leaders 2019/20

London Youth Choir (LYC) is looking for a skilled and experienced regular Assistant Leader and several deputy Assistant Leaders to join our wider pool for the academic year of 2019/20. Assistant leaders support our conductors and other staff at rehearsals, which occur on Monday evenings weekly in term time, and at concerts at a central venue with over 250 young singers from 27 boroughs in London.

Please indicate on your application whether you are applying for the regular role, the pool of deputies or both.

About London Youth Choir

London Youth Choir exists to enrich the lives of young Londoners through singing. We provide children and young people living or educated across London with high-calibre choral singing tuition and unique performance opportunities through our family of six choirs for people aged 7-23 years old and our wider engagement programme, Aspire. Our sessions are designed to educate and inspire, build confidence, and develop skills in teamwork and leadership; all whilst championing inclusivity and understanding. London Youth Choir aims to be truly representative of the population of London and currently works with young people from 27 London boroughs.

Assistant Leader Responsibilities

Availability

Depending on which choir you work with either:

- Mondays from 4pm – 6pm
- Or Mondays from 6pm-7:30pm
- Plus any predetermined concert and rehearsal dates within Greater London

Duties (will vary according to choir)

- To assist with warm ups and musicianship
- To sing and demonstrate, e.g. support a group in learning a harmony part, prepare a soloist or take sectional rehearsals
- When working with the older choirs, lead musicianship sessions, prepared and devised by the conductors, with small groups
- Support at concerts and rehearsals (e.g. helping with seating plans, lanyards etc)
- Pastoral help with members of the choir
- Support behaviour management
- Be a positive role model
- In case of unavailability or illness be willing to arrange your own deputies from within the London Youth Choir pool of approved Assistant Leaders

Person Specification

Essential

- Experience working with young people
- Available and committed to working for London Youth Choir on Mondays during term time, plus a predetermined list of concert days at our usual rehearsal venue and other venues across central London
- Sensitive/aware/compassionate towards the challenges some of our young people are facing
- Good team player and collaborative in nature
- Confident, independent and self-motivated
- Be an excellent role model and willing to be a positive advocate for the work of the London Youth Choir
- Possess a clean enhanced DBS and be a member of the Update Service or be willing to undertake a new DBS check with London Youth Choir
- Be willing to complete certain courses of educare training, an online safeguarding course, provided by LYC

Desirable

- A music education background and the ability to read music
- Experience supporting young people with additional needs
- First aid trained

Fee Structure

- £520* per term (£40 per rehearsal + 1 concert (£120) per term) for regular Assistant Leaders for 3 terms per year
- £35 per rehearsal for Deputy Assistant Leaders
- Extra concerts and events are usually paid at either £75 or £120, depending on the duration of the event, at the discretion of the LYC Choirs Manager
- You are expected to be registered as self-employed and therefore responsible for your own Tax and National Insurance

*This figure will vary depending on the length of the term, but won't be lower than this.

If you require further information or would like to register interest please send an email to Choirs Manager, Jenny Forsyth, at office@londonyouthchoir.com, detailing your relevant experience. You will receive a response in the week of the 26th August.

We would like to appoint our regular Assistant Leaders by the end of August; However, we are happy to add to our Deputy Assistant Leader pool at any point during the year.