

Connect Here Guide to Singing and Music Groups in Edinburgh



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Ageing Well - Singing

Christ Church Hall
6a Morningside Road
Edinburgh EH10 4DD

T: 0131 458 2260

Contact: Active Communities Team

Opening Hours: Tuesday 1.30pm–3.00pm

E: active@edinburghleisure.co.uk

W: <https://www.edinburghleisure.co.uk/activities/active-communities/ageing-well>

Summary: Singing exercises your heart and lungs and releases endorphins making you feel good, join the fun and sing like no one is listening! No auditions, previous experience or music reading skills required, just come along, and join us for a sing song.

Music: Singing

Amazing Harmonies

West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre
19 West Pilton Grove
Gorgie
Edinburgh EH4 4BY

T: 07900 667 094

Opening Hours: Meets Monthly

E: amazingharmonies@gmail.com

W: <https://ama-zingharmonies.org.uk/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/amazingharmonies/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHSsr8fmG3ei3Tvi9kR2rMQ>

Summary: Amazing Harmonies is a singing group in North West Edinburgh founded in March 2017 by Ama Shallangwa. Their aim is to work in the community to enrich cultural understanding and inclusiveness by uniting people together with music and food. Through these activities they encourage networking and communal integration to break isolation and celebrate diversity as well as what we have in common.

Community Singing Group - St Brides

St Brides Community Centre

10 Orwell Terrace

Edinburgh EH11 2DZ

T: 07919 914 045

T: 0131 346 1405

Contact: Kenny Vass

Opening Hours: Friday 11.00am–12.00pm

E: kennyvass11@gmail.com

E: cld-stbrides@ea.edin.sch.uk

Summary: Community Singing Group had been very popular proving a great community asset for adults including people with special needs. In essence the group had provided everyone and people with learning disabilities the opportunity to socialise, dance, sing and build confidence and enjoy being part of the wider community. A variety of popular songs with hits spanning the decades will be played, encouraging members to sing along and enjoy themselves as much as possible. Some clients have learning disabilities so they will come with their carers and will arrive from variety of care providers such as Edinburgh council day services, Threshold care services, Capability Scotland, Garvald etc.

Music: Singing

COPD Singing - The Cheyne Gang

Edinburgh

T: 0776 932 2583

Opening Hours: Stockbridge Lifecare Centre: 2.15pm-4.15pm on alternate Mondays, St John's Colinton

Mains Church: 11.00am-1.00pm, on alternate Mondays, Duncan Place Community Hub: 12.15am-1.45pm on alternate Mondays.

E: <https://www.thecheynegang.com/contact>

E: polly.waugh@btinternet.com

W: <https://www.thecheynegang.com/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClol1LkTJ5FoCVvof-PCMg>

Summary: This community singing group is for people living with long term respiratory conditions such as COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), Asthma, Bronchiectasis - in fact any respiratory condition that causes long term breathlessness. If interested in discovering how singing can help, please explore the site by clicking on the links above, as well as for weekly activities and breathing exercises.

Open Community Singing Group

Edinburgh

T: 0131 446 3321

E: opencommunitysinginggroup@gmail.com

W: <https://ocsg.org/>

Summary: This is a friendly, secular Edinburgh singing group with no auditions and no music to read where everyone with a desire to sing is welcome – whether untrained or musically adept. The group meets at the Reid Memorial Church, West Savile Terrace, EH9 3HY (in the church – the halls are not available). Currently holding weekly sessions on Thursday evenings 6.30pm–8.30pm.

Music: Singing

Love Music Community Choir

Opening Hours: Monday evenings, 7.00pm-8.30pm on Zoom or YouTube

E: lmcc@lovemusic.org.uk

W: <https://choir.lovemusic.org.uk/about-us/hybrid-choir/>

Tw: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMH3omnCq4k>

Inst: <https://www.instagram.com/lovemusicscot/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/LoveMusicScotland>

Summary: Since autumn 2021, the choir takes place weekly in a hybrid format, with members participating both in person at the Usher Hall and also live online. They currently have approximately 40 people participating online weekly, including one in person in Canada! They broadcast weekly rehearsals live on Zoom and YouTube. Singers watching at home sing along with Stephen (our conductor), Dave (our pianist) and our 4 professional singers, and are able to see and hear other choir members on stage. Those watching on Zoom can also see other choir members on Zoom, and the chat function is enabled to allow choir members to contribute. They occasionally have break out rooms for Zoom members to meet each other too. They can provide support to guide people through participating online.

Protest in Harmony

Broughton St Mary Church
12 Bellevue Crescent
Edinburgh EH3 6NEL

Opening Hours: Second Saturday of each month, 10.00am–1.00pm

E: protestinharmony@gmail.com

W: <https://www.protestinharmony.org.uk/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGhmmbCLSRV8HvDILoGGkKA>

Summary: Protest in Harmony is a radical singing group based in Edinburgh, singing songs of protest, struggle, peace, justice, the environment and human rights. This group sings at events and demonstrations and anyone is able to join with no experience necessary or auditions. Meets at Broughton St Mary Church. Click on the above links for more information.

Music: Singing

Singing4Fun with Parkinson's UK (Edinburgh Branch)

Edinburgh

T: 0131 557 6438

Opening Hours: Tuesday 2.00pm, during term time.

E: secretary@edinburghparkinsons.org

W: <https://www.edinburghparkinsons.org/regular-activities/singing4fun/>

Summary: The Tuesday Singing4Fun group has started in-person meetings again at Marchmont St Giles, Kilgraston Rd, Edinburgh. It meets weekly during school term-time. Numbers are limited, to book get in contact via the email address above.

Songtribe

Old Saint Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church
63 Jeffrey Street
Edinburgh EH1 1DH

Opening Hours: Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7.00-9.00pm

E: <https://sing-in-scotland.com/contact/>

W: <https://sing-in-scotland.com/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/songtribe>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSraoVsewesfabkhFeYqnvq>

Summary: This Edinburgh vibrant performance choir has big heart and soul which focuses on building a community and singing by performing to the very best of the collective capability. There are no auditions and reading music is not required. However, people with enthusiasm, commitment, and a willingness to take part in concerts, is high on the list.

Music: Singing

The Forget Me Notes Choir

3 Allison Place
Kirkliston EH29 9BH

T: 07588 894 587

Contact: Alan

E: admin@forgetmenotes.org.uk

W: <https://www.forgetmenotes.org.uk/>

Summary: There is no criteria for joining the choir other than to like music. The choir is inclusive of all, aims to offer people a good social meeting place, challenges the stigma of dementia and create a sound that people enjoy listening to. There are 3 different ways to join them:

- ZOOM Choir. The Zoom choir takes place every Monday at 4.00pm (join from 3.45pm for tea and chat!). If you would like to join us please email or phone us and we will let you have more details.
- The Forget Me Notes choir will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 4.00pm, at: The Salvation Army Hall, Gorgie Road, Near Saughton Gardens.
- Choir in the park. Our choir in Saughton Park takes place fortnightly on a Thursday. During the winter months we are in the glasshouse at 1.45pm. The choir session ends with tea and hot chocolate.

Cheesetown Ukulele Group

Kirkliston Community Centre
16 – 18 Queensferry Road
Kirkliston EH29 9AQ

T: 0131 333 4214

Opening Hours: Thursday 7.00pm-8.45pm

E: <https://kirklistoncommunitycentre.org/contact/>

E: cld-kirkliston@ea.edin.sch.uk

W: <https://kirklistoncommunitycentre.org/adults/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/kirklistoncommunitycentre>

Summary: It's the instrument that makes people smile – and they guarantee that you'll stay smiling. It's so easy too – If you can hold down one string and strum with the other hand, you can play the Uke. No skill needed, we'll help you develop that. Give us an hour and we'll have you playing a tune. This is not a tutor led group, it's peer learning. We get together, play some music and have a laugh. It's social, bringing people together with music is a wonderful thing. £2 per session

Music

Drake Music Scotland

SPACE
11 Harewood Road
Edinburgh EH16 4NT

T: 0131 659 4766

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 9.00am–5.00pm

E: info@drakemusicscotland.org

W: <https://drakemusicscotland.org/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/drakemusicscotland/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/DrakeMusicScot>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DrakeMusicScotland>

Summary: Scotland's leading organisation creating music making opportunities for children and adults with disabilities.

Fun Fiddle classes

The Wash House - Portobello
3 Adelphi Grove
Edinburgh EH15 1AP

T: 0131 669 8275

Opening Hours: Adult classes (during the school term) – Tuesday evenings 7.00pm–9.00pm Meeting Room.

E: info@funfiddle.co.uk

W: <https://www.thewashhouse.org/fun-fiddle>

Summary: Group classes and one-to-one lessons are available, in a relaxed and friendly approach, for adults and children wishing to take up or become re-acquainted with playing the fiddle (violin). There's no need to be able to read music as much of the learning is by ear, with music available too.

Music

Gorgie Dalry Jam - St Brides

St Brides Community Centre
10 Orwell Terrace
Edinburgh EH11 2DZ

Opening Hours: Monday 5.30pm – 8.30pm

E: learning@adjazz.co.uk

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GDJAM/>

Summary: Every Monday night from September! Come along and have fun and enjoy playing music with others. Music skills and past knowledge need not hold you back. This service can give you an opportunity to develop skills in group settings led by tutors who are amongst the leading professional musicians in the city. They aim to create music groups that are enjoyed by everyone, young and old, and from a range of musical interests and levels of capability. Bring your instrument and they welcome singers too! The group will be led by Musical Director, Lewis Forbes and there will be a free performance for family and friends on the final session of term.

Lunchtime Concerts - Eric Liddell Centre

Eric Liddell Centre
15 Morningside Road
Edinburgh EH10 4DP

Opening Hours: First Monday of the month 12.30pm–1.30pm

E: hayl@ericliddell.org

W: <https://www.ericliddell.org/whats-on/>

Summary: Lunchtime Concerts. Tickets cost £6 per person, this includes the lunch. The concert is free for carers.

Music

Music Medicine - The Crannie

The Crannie
9 Cranston Street
Edinburgh EH8 8BE

T: 0131 557 2244

Opening Hours: Thursday 2.00pm–3.00pm

E: thecrannie@eotdt.org

W: <https://eotdt.org/index.php>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/TheCrannie/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/TheCrannie>

Inst: <https://www.instagram.com/thecrannie/?hl=en>

Summary: Pick up an instrument and enjoy making music with new friends. Click on the above links for more information.

OM Music Sanctuary

Palmerston Church
12 Palmerston Place
Edinburgh EH12 5AA

T: 07564 874827

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 12.00pm–5.00pm

E: admin@ommusicsanctuary.com

W: <https://www.ommusicsanctuary.com/>

FBB: <https://www.facebook.com/OMMusicEdinburgh/>

Summary: The OM Music Sanctuary is a full-time music project for the mental health community in Edinburgh. They provide free access to instruments and tuition, recording facilities, jam sessions and social events. See website for further details.

Music

Taiko Drumming

The Wash House - Portobello
3 Adelphi Grove
Edinburgh EH15 1AP

T: 0131 669 8275

Contact: Martin

Opening Hours: Wednesday 7.00pm–9.30pm

E: <https://www.tsuchigumo.co.uk/contact>

E: info@thewashhouse.org

W: <https://www.thewashhouse.org/tsuchigumo>

W: <http://www.tsuchigumo.co.uk>

Summary: Tsuchigumo Daiko is a Japanese style drumming group dedicated to studying, teaching, and performing the art of Taiko Drumming. 10 week course runs on Wednesdays in Meeting Room. Classes have limited availability, get in touch via above contacts to book and for more information.

Totally Sound

South Bridge Resource Centre
Infirmity Street
Edinburgh EH1 1LT

Opening Hours: Saturday 1.00pm-4.00pm

W: <http://www.totallysound.org>

Summary: For 12-19 years old. Fully equipped live rehearsal spaces with wide range of instruments. Get involved with recording and live performance projects. Try out guitar, keyboards, drums, lyric writing and vocals. Professional musicians on hand for tuition and advice. From absolute beginners to advanced players.

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