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Waterford City & County Council

### **Press Release**

# **Music Generation is coming to Waterford and Wexford!**

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Music Generation today announced that Wexford and Waterford will receive €600,000 per county over three years to enable access to high quality subsidised vocal and instrumental tuition for children and young people throughout the counties.

Locally-generated matched funding will be raised by Wexford and Waterford Music Education Partnerships, which are among 9 new areas of the country selected for participation in Music Generation's second phase.

Ireland's national music education programme, Music Generation was initiated by Music Network in 2010, and is co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Local Music Education Partnerships. Already, the programme creates access for more than 41,000 children and young people annually across 12 counties, with today's announcement bringing the total number of areas reached to 21.

The 9 new Music Education Partnerships selected for participation in Music Generation 'Phase 2' will be established on a phased basis over the next five years. Planning for the Waterford and Wexford set-up process will commence over the coming months, with programming expected to get underway later in 2018.

The goal is to develop a range of affordable and accessible performance music programmes for children and young people age 0 to 18. This will include the coordination of music tuition services within the county, working in partnership with schools, community music groups and tuition centres in the formation of choirs, ensembles, access programmes, composition and songwriting projects, and more, across a range of musical genres and styles.

WWETB is delighted to be the lead partner for both Waterford and Wexford and will partner with Waterford City and County Council and with

Wexford County Council on the successful delivery of the Music Generation in the counties.

National Director of Music Generation, Rosaleen Molloy remarked 'We are thrilled that Waterford and Wexford are joining the next phase of Music Generation, and we would like to acknowledge the ambition and vision of Waterford and Wexford MEPs in seeking truly transformative outcomes for the children and young people with whom they will engage.

Music Generation looks forward to working with Wexford and Waterford MEPs to progress their plans for development, building upon the remarkable success of Music Generation's story so far.'

Over the coming months, Music Generation Waterford and Music Generation Wexford will begin the recruitment process for two Music Development Officers which will enable programme planning to commence.