

Musical Instrument Course Offered at Ballyfermot College of Further Education



Learn to make Uilleann Pipes, Harp or Mandolin in conjunction with Na Píobairí Uilleann as a component of Ballyfermot College of Further Education (BCFE's) Higher National Diploma in Traditional Music Performance Programme (Ceoltóir).

BCFE is pleased to announce that commencing September 2020 the Harp and Mandolin/Mandola will be added to the college's instrument making strand. The Instrument Making strand runs in conjunction with the college's existing Higher National Diploma in Irish Traditional Music performance programme, (Ceoltóir). This unique course is run in cooperation with Na Píobairí Uilleann and is a continuation of a successful partnership which continues to teach the skills of Uilleann Pipe making, Flute and Whistle making to BCFE students.

This level 6 programme in Musical Instrument Making and Performance is of 2 years duration and in 2020 will offer Uilleann Pipe making, Harp making and Mandolin/Mandola making. All instrument making classes will be taught in Na Píobairí Uilleann's PipeCraft Training Centre, Clonshaugh, D17.

Applications

Applications can be made through the college website www.bcfе.іe .

Students will make their own musical instruments, learn specialist hand and machine craft skills in order to develop their creative abilities in this area.

As well as workshop time with an expert maker, students will also have supervised access to the workshop on a regular basis to further develop the skills learned.

A feature of the course will be intensive tuition on the playing and performance of the various instruments.



This course aims to

- Cater for the skills shortage within the traditional music community in terms of instrument making.
- Enable students to develop their musical skills and understanding of Irish Traditional Music.
- Equip students with the skills and academic qualifications to enable them to have a successful career in music.

Progression:

Graduates who achieve a merit/distinction profile are eligible for entry to the final year of the BCFE's BA (Hons) Degree in Media Production Management. This programme is accredited by Dublin City University.

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Duration of course

The Ceoltóir course is of two year's duration and is suitable for musicians and singers who wish to develop and improve as performers. The course is practical in nature with an emphasis on performance.

In 2nd year, students, with the assistance of college staff, have the opportunity to, record, engineer and produce their own CD, using college facilities.

Guest Lecturers

Another feature of the course is regular performances and guest lectures by leading figures in the world of traditional music.

Performance Opportunities

Students perform regularly during the course in many different music venues around Dublin. These performances help build students performance and confidence skills.

Staff

All members of staff are themselves experienced musicians and are actively involved in traditional music through performance, recording, production, workshops, masterclasses and research projects.