

New info hub will help bands and players to get into the swing

by Kathie Griffiths T&A Reporter

Bradford's young musical talent will soon be able to head to a one-stop shop of information to get all the help they need to make themselves heard.

Emmerdale star Matthew Wolfenden, the Dancing On Ice champion in 2012, will open a fun day at St George's Hall on Saturday July 6, to celebrate the opening of the new Bradford Music Education Hub and its website.

The idea of the hub, led mainly by Bradford Council's Music & Arts Service, is to give young musicians a central information point.

The website, bradfordmusiconline.co.uk, will have all the details on everything young people need to learn and enjoy music, from band listings to performance spaces and



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events. Hundreds of young people and their families from across the district are expected to be at St George's Hall from 11pm to take part.

There will be opportunities to

play and listen to music, as well as join in workshops and art projects such as Taiko drum and iPad garage band sessions.

There will also be trade stands and goody bags.

Councillor Ralph Berry, the council's executive member for children's services, said: "The Hub is great news for the district and we would encourage as many people as possible to attend what will be a very enjoyable and interesting event."

Other involved in the project include Calderdale Council, Kirklees Music School, The Arts Council, Yorkshire Young Musicians, YMCA, Bradford Bulls Foundation, Bradford City of Film, Windstruments, Charanga, Southbank Sinfonia, Factory Street Studios, Hammonds Saltire Brass Band and more.

Debbie Bellwood, of the council's Music & Arts Service based at Future House, said: "As well as being a one-stop shop for



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If you are (and aged up to 18 years) you are invited to attend the launch of the Bradford Music Education Hub to find out more about exciting new opportunities to be mentored, recorded and supported in promoting and marketing yourself or your group. The launch takes place on July 6, 2013 at St George's Hall from 11am - 3pm. By returning your details to the address below you will be automatically entered into the prize draw which will take place on the day by Matthew Wolfenden, who plays David Metcalf in Emmerdale, giving you the chance to win four tickets to Bingley Music Live 2013 (kindly donated by Bingley Music Live).

Your Name/Band Name:

No of members:

Ages of members:

Genre:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tel:

Please complete and return the form to:
Bradford Music Education Hub
Future House, Bolling Road, BRADFORD, BD4 7EB
www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk



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information to enrich and support young musicians in our district we will also be able to collect data and information to get a picture of what is happening on the local music scene and feed that knowledge back to the Government and to the Arts Council where we get some funding from.

"The idea is that the website will be the main music hub, anything you want or need - just go there and you should find it."

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