



Job Pack: Music Leader

Welcome

Hello, and thank you for your interest in becoming a Music Leader at Club Soda.

Since 2009, **Club Soda** has provided creative, music and media opportunities for people with learning disabilities in Croydon.

Through DJing and music-making workshops, we empower young people and adults with learning disabilities, culminating in popular live events that showcase our artists and provide platforms for talent. Our mission revolves around creating a more inclusive Croydon, promoting social integration, and enriching the lives of those with learning disabilities.

We look forward to receiving your application, which we ask you to submit by **Monday, 15 April**.

Best wishes,
Olly Tipper, Director (he/him)

Before you start...

We hope this pack gives you all the information you need. There's a lot of information we want to share with you, so we have divided this document into the following sections:

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If you have any questions, please email us at olly@clubsoda.org.uk or telephone us at 07309 750 283.

Who is Club Soda?

Club Soda is a disability-led charity in Croydon providing creative, music and media opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

Our advisory board, **the AdFizzory Group**, is made up of adults with learning disabilities from different areas of our charity who help make creative decisions about how we run.

We are a charity for **Creatives, Campaigners & Gig Goers!**

What we do:

- Weekly **workshops** in music making, DJing and media. We mentor artists who produce original music, deliver inclusive live events and perform across London.
- Our **Gig Buddies Croydon** project matches adults with learning disabilities to volunteers with similar interests so they can enjoy the things they love together.
- Our **Leisure Link Project** is a group for people with learning disabilities who meet once a month to produce a monthly magazine about inclusive and accessible events in Croydon, review venues & events and produce a popular podcast.

We have a rebellious spirit and want to shake up our local community for the better. *Everyone has the right to enjoy a social life, be the last on the dance floor or be the DJ!*

Our Music projects

Soda Jam

Music sessions for young people with learning disabilities. Activity takes place in the evenings to encourage young people to take up and enjoy making music independently outside of school or college. Soda Beat live music events provide a platform for the young people to gain experience of performing live.

Soda Jam Extra

Music sessions for adults or those over 25, offering support to people wishing to improve their music skills, compose new songs, record music and perform live.

Soda Beat

Established in 2013, Soda Beat was London's first regular integrated live music event for musicians with learning disabilities from the UK's rapidly growing learning-disabled music scene.

The Next Big Thing

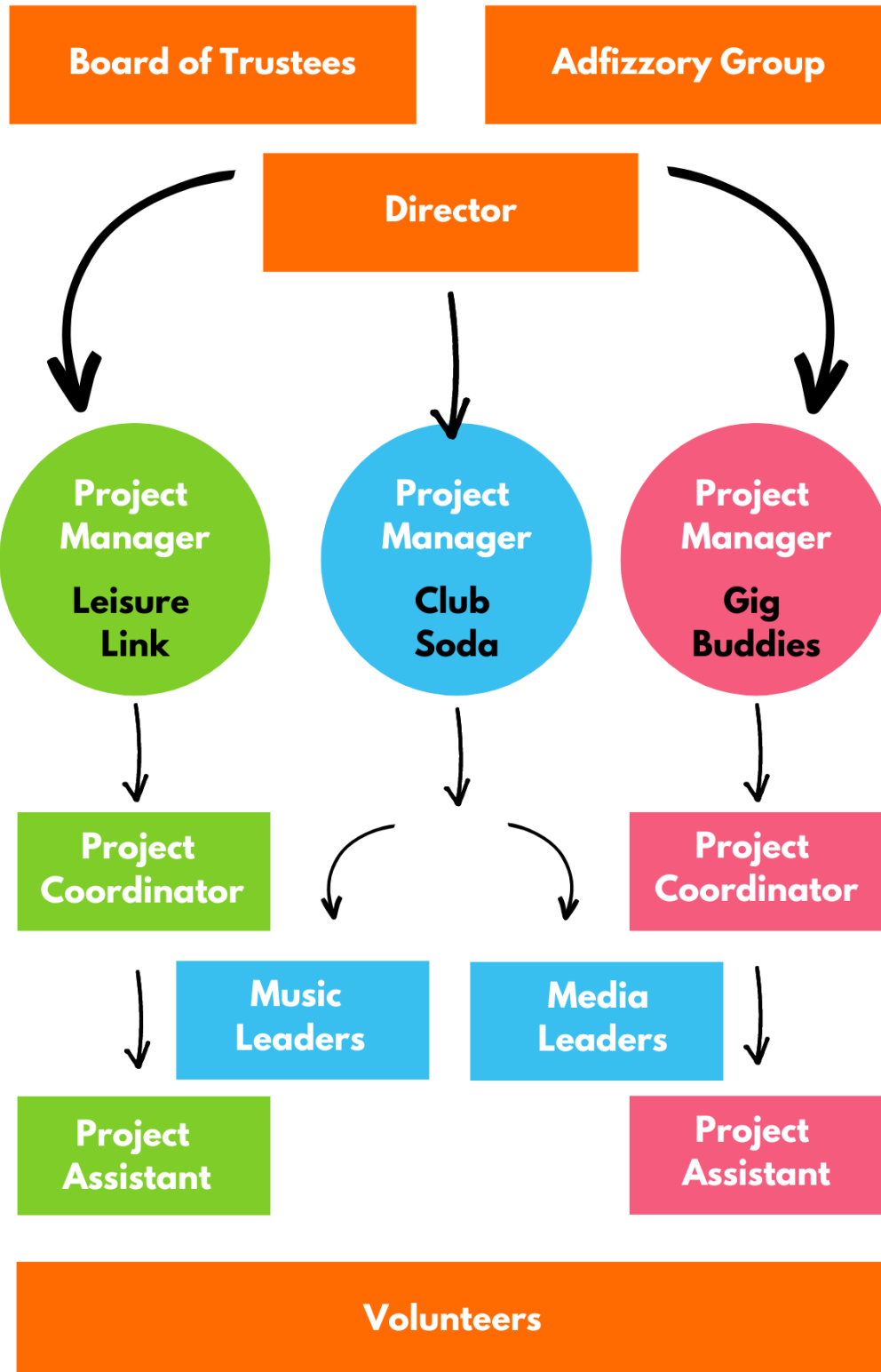
This programme engages young musicians who have expressed a desire to advance their musical skills and aspirations. These young musicians bring a range of talents, interests, and ambitions, driving the diverse nature of our programme.

Artist Support

We support the development of a range of artists through weekly rehearsals and projects. For more information see:

<https://www.clubsoda.org.uk/our-artists/>

Club Soda: Staff structure



Key facts about the role:

Job Title: Club Soda Music Leader

Location: Croydon

Contract Type: Freelance

Salary: £90/half day, £180/full day

Accountable to: Director

Below is a **job description and person specification** for the role of Freelance Music Leader. Please read these carefully before applying.

The Freelance Music Leader will be employed by Club Soda on a freelance basis with hours to be arranged. Initially, we are looking for someone for a minimum of one day a week.

The successful candidate will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

The role: Music Leader

We are seeking a skilled and enthusiastic Music Leader to join our dynamic team on a freelance basis. As a Music Leader, you will play a vital role in facilitating various music projects, including Soda Jam for young people, Soda Jam Extra for adults, The Next Big Thing artist development programme, and supporting participants in performing live at Soda Beat events. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the growth of London's learning-disabled music scene.

The duties of this role are:

1. Facilitate Music Sessions:

- Lead engaging music sessions for young people in the evenings as part of the Soda Jam project.
- Provide support and guidance to adults over 25 in the Soda Jam Extra sessions, assisting them in improving music skills, composing songs, recording, and performing live.

2. Soda Beat Live Music Events:

- Support and encourage young participants to gain experience by performing live at Soda Beat events.
- Contribute to the organisation and coordination of Soda Beat live music events.

3. The Next Big Thing Programme:

- Engage with young musicians participating in The Next Big Thing programme to advance their musical skills and aspirations.
- Foster a creative and inclusive environment that accommodates diverse talents and ambitions within the programme.

4. Artist Support:

- Provide support to the development of various artists through weekly rehearsals and projects.
- Collaborate with the Club Soda team to create opportunities for artists to showcase their talents and advance in their musical journey.

5. Communication and Collaboration:

- Communicate effectively with participants, ensuring their needs and aspirations are considered.
- Collaborate with the Club Soda team to align music projects with organisational goals.

Person Specification: Music Leader

Please note that the essential specifications are must-have requirements crucial for the job. Desirable specifications are extra qualities that would be good to have but are not necessary for the job.

You will be able to demonstrate the following qualifications and experiences:

1. Strong musical and teaching skills (essential)
2. Ability to support artists in their musical development (essential)
3. Effective communication and collaboration skills (essential)
4. Proven experience in leading music sessions for individuals with learning disabilities (desirable)
5. Experience in coordinating live music events (desirable)

This freelance position offers a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the growth of learning-disabled musicians and be a part of a vibrant and inclusive music community. If you are passionate about making a positive impact through music, we invite you to apply.

How to Apply

To apply, please complete the application form [here](#).

Closing date for applications is Monday 15th April 2024.

Interviews will be held on the afternoon of Monday 22nd April 2024.

If you have any questions about the role, please get in touch either via email at olly@clubsoda.org.uk or by telephone on 07309 750 283.