



Schools Singing Leader At Liverpool Cathedral

(Full-Time)

Information Pack

Schools Singing Leader

A Schools Singing Leader (SSL) will be a musician with formidable skills when it comes to teaching group singing to children of primary school age. They will work as part of a team of schools' staff and form a core part of the cathedral's music department.

The SSL will work on the delivery of the Schools Singing Programme, running weekly singing sessions in primary schools across the diocese of Liverpool. They will also work on, or lead, one of our junior choirs. The individual will develop music across the diocese of Liverpool, inspiring and nurturing potential in young people, and increasing awareness of Liverpool Cathedral and its musical tradition.

SSL candidates will have experience of teaching group singing to primary and/or secondary school age children in a school, church, cathedral, or other similar setting. They will have piano/keyboard skills which allow them to deliver a classroom singing session, or lead a choir rehearsal, with fluency.

The Liverpool Cathedral Schools Singing Programme was established in 2012. As of 2025, it works with around 25 partner schools across the diocese, made up of both Church of England and non-faith schools. Embedded within the vision of the Schools Singing Programme is the goal of planting new junior choirs as we expand further out across the diocese. In addition to the weekly operations of the Schools Singing Programme and its junior choirs, additional projects and concerts are run through the programme each year, including Cathedral Praise and Big Sings.

Delivering Workshops with the Cathedral Schools Singing Programme

- To work within an agreed framework for session content as agreed by the Choral Outreach Lead.
- To build relationships with CofE and non-faith schools, encouraging them to view our programme as part of their long-term music strategies.
- Once a term, to deliver whole school singing assemblies across the schools.

Our Junior Choirs

We currently have Junior Choirs in Knowsley, Liverpool, and Sefton. These choirs serve the boroughs within which they are based. The SSL will lead or work with one of these after-school choirs which rehearse once per week.

- The SSL would be responsible for music selection, rehearsing, and general administration of the choir to which they're connected.
- The SSL will take an active role in recruiting new children to the choir.
- The SSL will build relationships with churches across the diocese through our partnering with them to plant new borough-based Junior Choirs.

Recruitment of Choristers for the Cathedral Choir

To assist with the annual recruitment activities for new boys and girls to become probationers in the Cathedral Choir.

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The post holder will undertake other relevant duties as may be requested from time to time and commensurate with the role.

Terms and Conditions

Salary

Full Time: £27,090

Contract

This is initially for a 2-year fixed term contact.

Hours of Work

Full Time: 40 hours per week for 40 weeks of the year.

Location

Liverpool Cathedral & across the diocese of Liverpool.

Annual leave

25 days plus eight bank/public holidays pro-rata to be taken outside of term time.

Other benefits

There are a range of other benefits including non-contributory pension scheme with generous employer contributions (additional voluntary contributions may be made), Employee Assistance Programme giving you 24-hour access to support for your health and wellbeing, a supportive culture with core values of Integrity, Inclusivity, Dynamic and Excellence, employee discount in Cathedral shop and bistro, free onsite parking, secure bike storage and easy access to public transport. Mileage reimbursement for work related travel at 45 pence per mile.

DBS Check

The post holder will require an enhanced DBS check.

How to Apply

Application for this role is through Pathways. The closing date for all applications is Friday 26th September.

Please note that the information you provide in your application will be used only for the purpose of recruitment and selection and will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Music at Liverpool Cathedral

Liverpool Cathedral is renowned for being among the first in the world to offer musical engagement opportunities to people of every age, from new-born upwards. This manifests itself in concerts for early-years ages, a Schools Singing Programme, junior choirs, a youth choir and adult community choir, as well as the traditional Cathedral Choir which provides music at 7 choral services each week during choir term, including services at key points in the liturgical year.

The Cathedral Music Department comprises a Director of Music, Cathedral Organist, Sub Organist, Liturgy & Music Administrator, Choral Outreach Lead, Assistant Choral Director, Lay Clerks, Choral Scholars and Organ Scholar. These are in addition to a large team of dedicated volunteers.



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Encounter Liverpool Cathedral

Liverpool Cathedral is a place of spiritual and cultural significance for the city and region of Liverpool. From its foundation in the early part of the 20th century it has existed as community and building built by the people, for the people to the glory of God.

Liverpool Cathedral is more than an iconic Grade 1* listed building. It's a vibrant, active place that the people of the city, regions and world encounter in many ways. So alongside those who come for one of our daily worship services, people may encounter us for a gala dinner or a school trip. A tourist may visit us, or we could be hosting an awards ceremony or graduations. People encounter us in many ways. But in each way, we hope they encounter a warm welcome and sense of God.

As part of their visit, we believe everyone will encounter:

- Inspiring Christian worship
- A breathtaking experience
- A community committed to justice and mercy
- A safe, generous place in joy and sorrow
- A dynamic community of staff and volunteers
- A God who knows and loves you.

Working for Liverpool Cathedral will bring you into a community that seeks to make those encounters happen. You will be someone who can subscribe to, and live out, our values of excellence, dynamic, integrity and inclusive. You will have the benefits of working in a landmark building with colleagues who are serious about the work life balance with generous holiday allowances and access to an Employee Assistance Programme. We have a strong working partnership with the Diocese of Liverpool bringing extra support to our activities.



Liverpool Diocese and Cathedral are committed to treating our whole community with dignity and respect. We desire to represent diverse identities within our community whether this be by race, culture, religion, sexual

orientation, gender, disability or social background of each person to ensure they fulfil their potential within a proactive, loving and caring environment.

Liverpool Cathedral Values

Our values underpin the culture of working for Liverpool Cathedral, they are:

Integrity: This means we act honourably and truthfully and display consistency of character. We show respect to all recognising how we speak, and act affects others. We uphold high standards and are accountable for our behaviour.

Inclusivity: This means we actively co-operate with one another and value our differences and solve problems by listening and finding solutions together, always treating everyone fairly and promoting participation. We create a culture of warmth and belonging, where everyone is welcome.

Excellence: This means we go that 'extra mile' and follow through on our commitments and consistently deliver the highest quality of service to all. We demonstrate professionalism and have high expectation of each other being committed to teamwork, sharing knowledge, resources and skills.

Dynamic: This means we actively embrace change, welcome progress and display enthusiasm, passion and enjoyment for our work. We are innovative, open minded and willing to adapt; and we use our drive and commitment to energize, engage and inspire others



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