**SSC MD Recruitment 2021: Job Advert**

**Sheffield Socialist Choir is looking to recruit a new Musical Director.**

Our choir has been going for over 30 years, with a repertoire that reflects our strong commitment to freedom, equality, justice, peace and environmental sustainability around the world. We sing at solidarity events, street demonstrations, and the annual Street Choirs Festival. In addition, we are part of the Campaign Choirs Network. This national movement and network of choirs sings about issues for a fairer world; singing for change, and when possible, we join others singing on the street. Occasionally we organise our own concerts, as well as holding workshops open to other singers.

The job will be shared with our current MD, Janet Wood - each leading our Thursday sessions in 'blocks', rather than alternate weeks, and liaising with each other over repertoire, who will lead us at individual gigs/performances, and so on. Practical issues for running the choir are handled by a committee, plus individual choir members.

We sing a capella, usually in four-part harmonies. We do not hold auditions for new members, and learn by ear rather than from written music. We also encourage members to use sound files to practice in between sessions.

We meet on Thursday evenings, 19.30-21.30, at Old Sharrow Junior School, South View Road, Sharrow, Sheffield S7 1DB, and other venues maybe used. There are about 12 sessions, in each of the three terms, so the job would involve about 6 sessions per term, for each MD.

We pay per hour, at Musicians Union rates, including preparation time, plus travel costs. If you have some experience of leading a community choir, share our values, and live in or relatively near Sheffield, we would very much like to hear from you before the end of October 2021. Our aim, dependent, of course on the current situation with covid-19, is to have our new MD in place by early January 2022.

To apply for this post, please submit a letter outlining the skills and experience you would bring to the post. Please send your letter by email to info@socialistchoir.org.uk by 31st October 2021.

If you would like to discuss this further, please email: info@socialistchoir.org.uk

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