

Session 1: General updates and Samba Workshop

#AssociatesOnline

<https://wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/providers/associate-providers/coronavirus-related-advice-and-links/>

[Wiltshire Associates online teaching survey](#) (please complete if you haven't already)

Update your Inclusive Music Aware status pledge

<https://wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/send/ima/>

New Wiltshire Music Education Awards

- Wiltshire Primary School Music Teacher of the Year
- Wiltshire Secondary School Music Teacher of the Year
- Wiltshire Singing School of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to Music Education in Wiltshire
- Music Educator of the Year – Young People's Choice

From Luke Pickett: Instrument hire scheme has some Samba instruments sets available

Session 2: Creative composition

<https://wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/songwriting/>

From Valerie Winning Hart : Drone is very grounding. Does anyone use Garage Band to improvise over?

From Liv McLennan : I've found ThumbJam really helpful, Valerie

From Dan Coggins : For PC, check out Tracktion (free)

Carry on sharing creative composition tips and resources using the [Associate Forum](#)

Session 3: Associates Afternoon Tea

From Ruth Jones : Trinity have part exam online, complete later

From Claudia Banks : what about ABRSM new syllabus planned for the summer?

From Tim JW Badgery Music : ABRSM are releasing new syllabus in June as planned - I messaged them directly

From Luke Pickett : ABRSM Covid-19 updates: [https://gb.abrsm.org/en/about-us/news/articles/?abrsm\[newsId\]=88182](https://gb.abrsm.org/en/about-us/news/articles/?abrsm[newsId]=88182)

From Martin Stewart : Slightly off topic. Free kids activity pack from Rock School. Keeping the kids off their screens. <https://www.rslawards.com/free-rockschool-kids-activity-pack/>

From Martin Stewart : Remove Zoom's audio compression, which is switched on as standard. Best off for musicians <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115003279466-Enabling-option-to-preserve-original-sound>

From Tim JW Badgery Music : Yes, I switch to original sound

From Paula Boyagis : Disabling background noise in the advanced audio settings stops certain frequencies being cut out. This makes a big difference

From Ruth Jones : we have a website page about music and autism please do contribute any resources - check our SEND page <https://wiltshiremusicconnect.org.uk/send/understanding-send/autism/>

From Tim JW Badgery Music : Call and response is a great technique to use online

From Tim JW Badgery Music : WiFi boosters might help at your pupils' end - Sky give them free to their customers, but you can get them on Amazon etc. I used a Belkin one in my student house - it worked for me on the top floor of a 3 floor house, with the router on the ground floor and a booster halfway

From Alison M Johnson : I get my pupils to send me a video/audio of a piece when I need this details - of dynamics etc . I then work with the pupil in the next lesson. It has helped.

Session 4 Recruiting new pupils for September

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-self-employment-income-support-scheme>

Martin Stewart : If anyone wants to suggest an idea, now or after the session, you can use this virtual whiteboard

https://jamboard.google.com/d/1ixGZBoNYOUhY_eDsMxtGvclqAM3fJTqXtT8ciSoLGFg/edit?usp=sharing

Martin Stewart : Online Tuition Form for you to complete if you not done so [Wiltshire Associates online teaching survey](#)