

Leicester Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Instrument Lending Scheme Policy

The main purpose of the instrument lending scheme is to give children the opportunity to start to learn on an instrument without the family having the cost of buying an instrument before it is known whether the young person will take to it. Students who make progress will be encouraged to buy their own instrument. To make maximum use of the instruments, loans may be made to adult members of CCÉ provided the instrument is not needed for loan to a child learner.

The scheme will be operated and coordinated by the branch committee as follows:

- Instruments may be lent (a) to children aged 6-18 who are members of the branch, or in exceptional cases members of other CCÉ branches, and who have demonstrated a commitment to learning to the satisfaction of the branch music teachers; (b) to adult members of CCÉ at the discretion of the branch committee.
- Loans of instruments will be subject to a refundable deposit and (a) in the case of children, a non-refundable contribution to insurance costs or (b) in the case of adults, a weekly rental charge. The amounts to be charged will be set by the committee and reviewed from time to time.
- The maximum initial duration of all loans will be six months, renewable according to availability and, in the case of children, according to commitment shown towards playing, learning and caring for the instrument.
- Preference will be given to first-time loans over renewals.
- The branch treasurer will produce an annual report on the lending scheme to be presented to the branch AGM.

Insurance contribution (Children)

£5 per instrument for each six-month loan period.

Refundable deposit (Children & Adults)

Weekly rental (Adults)

Uilleann pipes (half set):	£70	£2.00
Uilleann pipes (practice set)	£50	£2.00
Button accordion:	£50	£1.00
Fiddle:	£35	£0.75
Banjo	£35	£0.75
Flute	£35	£0.75
Bodhran	£20	£0.50