

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.
- Loan of instruments will be subject to a refundable deposit (a) in the case of children, (b) in the case of adults with an in advance weekly rental charge. The amounts to be charged will be set by the committee and reviewed from time to time.
- No Instruments are to be lent until the relevant paperwork has been completed and signed by the person leasing and LCCÉ Chair or Secretary.
- It must be pointed out that the weekly rental is to be paid in advance and rental not be allowed to accumulate.
- 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.
- It will be the borrower's responsibility to ensure they have adequate insurance to cover cost of theft, loss or damage.
- 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.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Refundable deposit (Children &amp; Adults)</b>	<b>Weekly rental (Children)</b>	<b>Weekly rental (Adults)</b>
Uilleann pipes (half set)	£70	Free	£2.00
Uilleann pipes (practice set)	£50	Free	£2.00
Button accordion:	£50	Free	£1.00
Fiddle:	£35	Free	£1.00
Banjo	£35	Free	£1.00
Flute	£35	Free	£1.00
Bodhran	£20	Free	£1.00