



# COUNT US IN

**FREE GROUP MUSIC LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 9 – 12 YEARS**

*Lessons start in September. Register now on our website [www.peaceproms.com](http://www.peaceproms.com)*

**Count Us In** is a free music tuition programme for children, run by the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland (CBOI), and is an important feeder programme for our orchestra. All participants are expected to become members of the CBOI when they reach an appropriate standard. The CBOI is acclaimed nationally and internationally for providing exceptional music education and performance opportunities for children and young people.



## What is Count Us In

- Free group music lessons for children aged 9 – 12 years
- Lessons are offered in Trombone, Trumpet, Double Bass, Clarinet, Violin and Cello
- Lessons are held on 3 Sundays per month throughout the school year starting in September, at Coláiste Chu Chulainn, Lower Marshes, Dundalk
- YEAR 1 – Children receive a free instrument on loan & free weekly group lessons
- YEAR 2 - Children join the **Count Us In** Orchestra and also receive free classes in the Theory of music.

## Learn With the Best!

- Years of experience have shown us that children excel in a fun learning environment with a group of peers. Over children / young people currently participate in **Count Us In**. All of our students are excelling. A further 120 young people are members of the CBOI and perform in up to 18 large scale concerts with us each year.
- Two of our **Count Us In** students are now studying music at university
- Over 30% of our students got Distinctions in their ABRSM music exams in 2024. All of our students passed. ABRSM certification is recognised throughout the world.
- **Count Us In** is modelled on the 'El Sistema' method of music education which is regarded as the best in the world and is based on group learning and performance.

## We're Serious about Music

- This programme is for families who are serious about learning music and wish their son/daughter to become a member of the CBOI in the future. We don't want anybody joining to 'try it' for a few weeks and then give up, thus depriving a serious student of the opportunity. This should be discussed at home.

## What to Consider BEFORE Registering

- Parents may be required to attend lessons with their son/daughter
- 100% commitment and attendance is required. Please ensure you can commit to the full schedule of lessons on Sundays
- Daily practice at home is essential
- All students must take the ABRSM music exam at the end of each year
- Those wishing to learn violin should start as young as possible as this is a difficult instrument to master. Trombone and Double bass are recommended for older children.

## Trombone and Double Bass

- Children aged 12yrs or older who wish to learn Double Bass or Trombone are welcome to register.

