New NCEA Level 1 Music Foundations resource, SSME workshops and more!

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### Kia ora koutou

I hope you have all had a restful summer break and enjoyed spending time with loved ones and recharging the batteries. The new year brings a lot of new challenges, but we are all here together, so let's work together to simplify life and share the load.

I would like to introduce a resource written by Stephen Garton that will hopefully aid secondary teachers with their Year 11 programme. The resource is based on Music Foundations for students in Year 11 and is suitable for either teaching NCEA or an alternative programme. The resource is based on the Big Ideas and will give students foundational knowledge to begin their Year 11 programme. There are aspects of Matauranga Māori intertwined into the resource, which will help teachers build their knowledge in Te ao Māori. We will also be offering a Zoom call for teachers to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the resource very soon.

We are also looking for other resources for NCEA Level 1. If you feel you have something that will benefit other teachers, please contact us.

The MENZA Board would like to fill a vacant position on the board with the passing of Anne-Marie Lalakai. She was the Pacific People's Representative on the board, and we would like someone who identifies as Pacific Island to fill the vacant position. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at <a href="mailto:blau@newlands.school.nz">blau@newlands.school.nz</a>.

Finally, if you need support with NCEA Level 1, please do not hesitate to contact us or post questions on Musicnet. We are here to help you and answer any questions you may have. We can also organise cluster meetings in your area for teachers to find support. We will be releasing resources to help you and will offer some Zoom calls soon.

Ben Lau MENZA Chair



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## Safer Spaces workshops in Christchurch

We are pleased to offer two Safer Spaces in Music Education workshops in Christchurch: 31 January 2024 (only 5 spaces left!) and 15 March 2024. Workshops run from 8.30am-5.00pm and are presented by Rachel Harrison and Mel Calvesbert. Click on the links for more information. These are a great opportunity to connect with local music teachers - food&drink and a resource are included.

The workshop on 15 March will require a \$20 contribution towards costs.

Please register so you don't miss out!



# Ignite!

## **IRMTNZ Conference**

15 – 16 April 2024 Wellington

Naumi Hotel (formerly CQ) & Queen Margaret College

Online registration is now open for IRMTNZs national conference, Ignite! MENZA members are invited to join us on Day Two, 16 April 2024, at Queen Margaret College, Wellington. Esteemed presenters include Dr Graham McPhail, Dr Rachel Thomson, Professor Samantha Owens and MENZA's own Ben Lau, promising an enriching experience for all music educators.

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