

Invest in musicians and workshop leaders by sending them to Skills Lab

Professional training and development helps the music leaders you work with improve your projects, and helps sustain the sector to continue creating.

A chance for peer-to-peer learning

Skills Lab sessions bring together community musicians with a wide range of experiences in different settings. Participants are given the chance to **learn skills that have been developed and perfected in other organisations**, to replicate and build upon in their own practice.

A toolkit of adaptable skills

Our Skills Lab leaders make sure that participants leave both with practical, hands-on experience, and **a guidebook of notes to refer back to**. Having this wealth of knowledge means that techniques learnt in sessions can be brought into practice right now, or developed well into the future.

Tailored support from our experienced leaders

We **specially design our sessions to suit the cohort we bring in**. Alongside exploring key topics with our guest leaders, course leader James Redwood will adapt the rest of the session to unpack topics our participants want to discover.

Networking with leaders from across the country

Skills Lab sessions are a chance to bring leaders together from across the sector and across the country - this is a chance to build connections that lead to peer-to-peer sharing but also act as **a catalyst for new creative collaborations.**

"James was wonderful in allowing time and space to ask the questions we can't always necessarily ask anyone else. The Skills Lab opened my eyes to things I had never considered before when it comes to workshop and ensemble leading"

- Skills Lab 2025 Participant

Discover the Skills Lab 2027 programme online at spitalfieldsmusic.org.uk/season/skills-lab-2027