

As part of a relaunch of Steelbands North this year we are planning to put a band into the Junior Panorama in London on 11th August. This is a fantastic opportunity for advanced players to stretch their playing and improve their technique, network with other players, gain exposure to competitive playing and perform in London. Membership of the band is open to pan players across the North East; criteria are-

Ability - Need to be advanced confident player, able to learn quickly, be disciplined, preferably able to practice on own between rehearsals.

Age - We are looking for players approximately from the age of 9/10 years upwards to 21.

Commitment - You must be available to play in Junior Panorama on 11th August and the North Tyneside Festival of Steelbands on June 26. We expect a high level of commitment to rehearsals so please check work/holiday commitments during the summer months. There will be rehearsals during May/June and more intense rehearsals during the summer holidays in the run up to the competition, end of July/August.

Performances:

Friday 26th June - North Tyneside Festival of Steelbands, Linskill Centre

** Second performance, probably during July, details TBC.*

Tuesday 11th August - Junior Panorama, London.

Taster day – Free of charge.

Led by Jenny Gilberg plus others, this session will be an assessment (technique, skill, learning capacity, commitment, application to task) of each player's suitability for current membership of the project (and potential for future membership), as well as a worthwhile and fun activity in itself.

Instruments: Standard layout pans will be available but to a limited number so if you are able to bring your own instrument please do so

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