

## Big Spring Sing - frequently asked questions

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### 1. Where is the Education Village?



The Education Village is on the north side of Darlington, **35 miles from Newcastle**, 20 miles from Durham, 14 miles from Middlesbrough and 45 miles from Harrogate. There is ample free parking.

For those coming by public transport, a transfer system will be provided between the railway station and the Education Village.

Darlington is on 2 main train lines, with **direct trains** from Newcastle, Durham, York, Morpeth, Leeds, Middlesbrough.... Trains from York, Newcastle, and Middlesbrough take 30 minutes.

The full address for those using sat nav is Darlington Education Village, Salters Lane South, Darlington, **DL1 2AN**.

More information, including directions, can be found on the Education Village website at [www.educationvillage.org.uk](http://www.educationvillage.org.uk).

### 2. I'm not in a choir – can I still take part?



We realise that there are lots of people who don't sing regularly with a choir but who **enjoy singing**, including many of those who play an instrument or promote musical events.

You will be very welcome at the **Big Spring Sing**, whether you regularly sing in a group or not.

We have sent the information about the Big Spring Sing to all the music groups in our database, so that no one misses out, and even singers who don't sing regularly have the chance to **take**

part.

Even if you yourself don't like singing, please pass this information on to other members of your group who might do.

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### 3. I see there's a reduced rate for Making Music members. How do I know if I'm a member?



Making Music's members are **orchestras**, bands, **choirs**, promoters and other **voluntary music** groups. Around 2700 groups are members around the country. If you play, sing or promote with one of these groups you are eligible for the **Making Music rate**.

To find out if your group is a member, visit [www.makingmusic.org.uk/northeast](http://www.makingmusic.org.uk/northeast) or [www.makingmusic.org.uk/yorkshire](http://www.makingmusic.org.uk/yorkshire) as appropriate, or ask your group's committee.

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### 4. Are there still places available?



Yes! We still have places left for singers and for vocal leaders. We'd be especially happy to hear from **tenors** and **basses**!

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### 5. Can you post me copies of the booking form?



Yes. The booking for is available online from [www.makingmusic.org.uk/northeast](http://www.makingmusic.org.uk/northeast) but for those wishing to receive a **hard-copy** simply phone or email Kirsty, 07855 642308, [kirsty@makingmusic.org.uk](mailto:kirsty@makingmusic.org.uk).

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### 6. I'm not sure whether the vocal leader training's right for me



The vocal leader training will support anyone who **leads singing** or conducts a choir in any environment (including in **schools**, health care settings, community groups, **amateur choral societies** etc.) or who would like to.

It's a chance to learn from the pros and gain **new skills**. The training will be **tailored** to your needs, whether you're brand new to leading singing or have been conducting a group for many years. **Paul** ([www.paulspicer.com](http://www.paulspicer.com)) and **James** ([www.jamesdavey.org](http://www.jamesdavey.org)) aren't scary and the atmosphere on the day will be very supportive!

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For more information on the Big Spring Sing and to book your place visit [www.makingmusic.org.uk/northeast](http://www.makingmusic.org.uk/northeast) or contact Kirsty, North East Development Officer on 07855 642308, [kirsty@makingmusic.org.uk](mailto:kirsty@makingmusic.org.uk).