

ELFM 24-hour musicathon

24 hours of live, local, music – broadcasting on www.elfm.co.uk between 3pm Saturday 4th April and 3pm Sunday 5th April 2009

An invitation to take part



Background

ELFM is a community radio station broadcasting in East Leeds since 2003. In that time over 3,800 people aged between 3 and 100 years old have been into one of the ELFM studios and ended up on the air.

With audiences of over 10,000 people, ELFM has two current strands – developing excellent community journalism and promoting the best in local music.

From the disco dungeon...

Every month, we co-ordinate a music-focused broadcast **Everybody Loves Fabulous Music** including some fantastic live sessions in our very own disco dungeon¹. We've enjoyed it, our audiences have been growing and we're getting great feedback from the musicians. So we thought – if that's good, what about something a bit special.



... to a musicathon in a Methodist Chapel

Here's the concept. We get as many people to come and play live in a 24-hour continuous broadcast. A kind of day-long live-lounge. And what's more, we do it in Seacroft Methodist Chapel – a beautiful old chapel currently disused, but crying out for a new life. So with two studios – one of which includes the possibility of singing from the pulpit and playing the original church organ – we're talking about a very special Later (and later and later) without Jools Holland but with a special invited audience in the pews.

Playing what exactly?

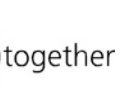
Well that bit we don't know ...that's up to you². What we do know is that we'd like every type of music imaginable from as many musicians, singers, artists, bands, choirs who will take part. We want to celebrate the diversity of music-playing in Leeds. And the fact that music is important to people of all ages and abilities.

We aim to create a fantastic day-long journey of music...



¹ To listen to some recent examples – hit the disco dungeon tag on the ELFM website www.elfm.co.uk

² Although this is an acoustic/unplugged kind of gig – basically everything but drum-kits. For more information, see the curators details or talk to us directly.



But why exactly?

It just feels like the right kind of thing to do. It's a great way to develop what we've been doing. It's a challenge; being both ambitious and a bit special. And we've got an excellent website that's just crying out for being pushed to the limit.

What's more it's an opportunity for all of us to set our stall out. We really believe that a bit of creativity can make a big difference in the communities of East Leeds.

And it is a *musicathon*. We will be asking people to make donations during the broadcast. The money we raise will go to support ELFM; as well as other local arts organisations in the area (Gipton Together, Garforth Arts Festival, Gipton Panto) – and also our neighbours in the Methodist Chapel: South Seacroft Friends and Neighbours.

You mentioned an invitation?

The thing is we can't do this without a whole lot of help. We've got a fantastic team of volunteers at ELFM who are dedicated to making this happen. But we need many more people to take part in the musicathon³:

1. If you play, sing or do anything musically, we'd like to hear from you.
2. We're splitting the broadcast into 24 one-hour sections and asking for different teams of people to produce/curate an hour⁴. If you are interested, get in touch.
3. We'll have shifts of teams working throughout the event – from technical bods to people making the tea. If you want to help out, use those contact details below.
4. And don't forget to tell your friends and family – and make sure you tune in to the stream at www.elfm.co.uk on the 4th & 5th April 2009.

It's over to you then

As you probably guessed – the ELFM website is key in all this. For all the latest information, check out the latest news on the home page and hit the musicathon tag.

To get in touch...

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call Lindsey on **07826 516 474**
website: www.elfm.co.uk



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East Leeds FM is a **Heads Together** production with support from the **Arts Council of England**

³ We are **East Leeds FM** and we are going to make sure that lots of people from East Leeds are involved in this event. At the same time - this is about a collaboration between people from all different places coming together to make something special happen in East Leeds. So if you're from outside the area, you are very welcome – we just ask you to be respectful of where you are.

⁴ For more information see the sheet – *musicathon curators.pdf*