**"Holding Our Breath" - Lancashire Singing Group COVID Survey**

What we are doing - We are asking Lancashire community / non-professional choirs, choruses and singing groups to complete a short survey on impact of COVID on them.

Why we are doing this - Singing groups are an important part of Lancashire's cultural scene, they are a popular leisure activity and an important part of community wellbeing. But like everything, the pandemic has had a profound effect on choirs, not least on their ability to meet, but also how they work and their members. We want to assess the impact to look at how we can support and advocate for a safe, inclusive and thriving future for singing in Lancashire.

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1.

What is the name of your choir / chorus / singing group?

2.

How many people regularly meet in your group?

*Choose one*

* 1 - 10
* 11 - 20
* 21 - 30
* 31 - 40
* 41 - 50
* 51 - 75
* 76 - 100
* 101+

3.

Have some members stopped taking part due to the pandemic?

*Choose one*

* No
* Yes, 1 -5 members have stopped taking part due to the pandemic
* Yes, 6 - 10 members have stopped taking part due to the pandemic
* Yes, 11 or more members have stopped taking part due to the pandemic
* Prefer not to say

4.

Are you currently looking to recruit more members?

*Tick one*

No, we are happy with the size of our group.

Yes, it would be good to boost membership, but we have enough to make music as we want to.

Yes, we are concerned about the viability of our group.

Prefer not to say

5.

Do you have members who still feel unable to take part physically (eg shielding), but want to continue to be part of the group?

*Choose one*

* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to say

6.

Did you use online tools (eg Zoom) to keep the group going during lockdowns?

*Choose all that apply.*

* Yes, for rehearsal
* Yes, for socialising together
* No
* Other:

7.

Have you had to cancel rehearsals because of COVID at any point from July 2021 onwards?

*Choose one*

* Yes
* No

8.

Have you had to cancel events (eg concert) because of COVID at any point from July 2021?

*Choose one*

* Yes
* No

9.

Are you still using COVID mitigation methods? (Choose as many as apply)

* Increased spacing between members
* Increased ventilation
* Regular COVID testing of Musical Director / leader
* Regular COVID testing of members
* Singing with reduced volume
* Provision of hand sanitiser
* Use of face masks
* Taking temperatures
* Not using any specific mitigation right now
* Other:

(continues)

10.

Which Lancashire local authority area do you meet in?

*Choose one*

* Blackburn with Darwen unitary authority
* Blackpool unitary authority
* Burnley district
* Chorley district
* Fylde district
* Hyndburn district
* Lancaster district
* Pendle district
* Preston district
* Ribble Valley district
* Rossendale district
* South Ribble district
* West Lancashire district
* Wyre district

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Please feel free to use this space to tell us anything more about your group's experience of the COVID pandemic :

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