Workforce Development Research Project -SWAG Inclusion At a Glance

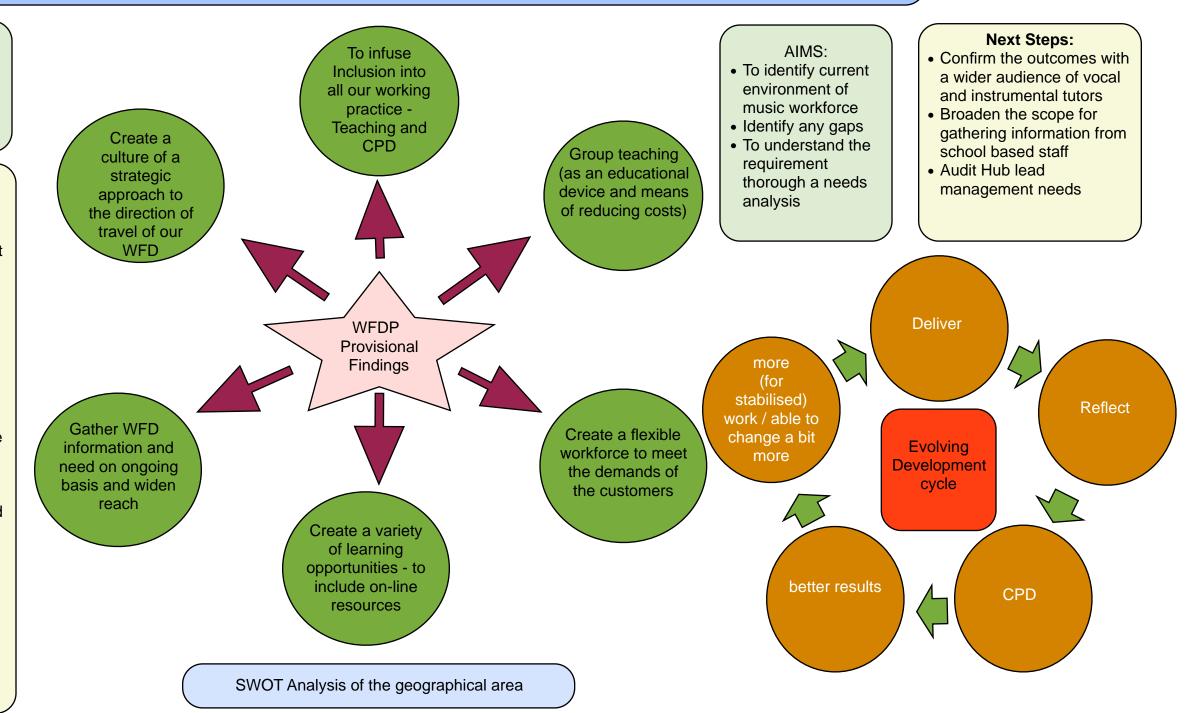
Scope:

- Salaried & freelance music educators
- School based staff
- Management/Leadership skills within Hubs and delivery partners

Recommendations:

- Identify further synergies for training need across the geographical area to avoid duplication of effort and funding
- Swindon and Gloucestershire to look to engage with the Bath Spa conference
- Its not realistic for hubs to make blanket commitments to covering freelancers time in using / attending CPD
- We need to advocate for proper pay rates that allow for freelancers to make proper space for CPD
- We need to create / collate CPD that is accessible in a number of ways / places / times / formats so as to maximise accessibility.
- We need to encourage schools / families to ask more about tutors / music leaders use of CPD and their engagement with the 'bigger picture'
- Hub CPD programme should embrace a range of CPD offers
- Aggregate elements of online CPD across hubs
- Ensure that venues / NPOs engage with this too
- Develop feasible ways to 'grow' tutors /music leaders rather than exclude them or disregard their existence and their work that they do

And more to follow...



Strengths:

- CPD provision has been established over a number of years, promoting a depth of good practice for peri class teachers
- Emerging co-ops and other agencies providing strategic support to vocal and instrumental tutors
- Strong model of networking at primary & secondary in Swindon - emerging in other two areas)
- Many good rock, pop and urban tutors based in Swindon

Weaknesses:

- Isolation of many school music teachers and music coordinators
- Lack of widespread use of technology in music education
- Many organisations don't see it as their job to train music educators

Opportunities:

- A collaborative and strategic approach to workforce development could make a significant contribution to quality, range and delivery
- Schools music networks are being developed
- New models of peer to peer support between schools and between freelancers
- CME qualification is now available
- Potential for sustainable growth of inclusion work has been demonstrated
- Diversification of existing/indigenous workforce, new recruitment and new models of developing high quality music leaders (including apprenticeship)

Threats:

- Many head teachers not giving enough priority to music driven by other pressures on schools including Ofsted inspections not mentioning music
- Severe pressure on local authority and national public funding expected to continue, impacting all aspects of local services
- Loss of Youth Services having a negative impact on informal music making opportunities for young people
- CPD getting lost in funding cuts, with long term negative impact on quality
- Current resources could lead to failure to capitalise on opportunities