

The National Open Youth Orchestra (NOYO), BBC NOW and RWCMD are thrilled to announce the appointment of Andy Everton (Music Leader) and Rhian Davies (Assistant Music Leader) who will work together in support of our new cohort of NOYO students from September 2023, integrated within the RWCMD Young Musician programme. Andy and Rhian bring a range of experience and enthusiasm to our NOYO team, as we excitedly move towards the start of rehearsals at the NOYO Cardiff Centre in September 2023.

Andy Everton - Music Leader



Andy Everton studied trumpet at the Royal Academy of Music. After a few years of freelance work, performing with most of the UK's leading orchestras and opera companies, he joined the trumpet section of BBC NOW where he remained for more than 30 years. Andy was also a tutor at RWCMD teaching trumpet, outreach skills, teaching skills and conducting ensembles. He has now left these roles to concentrate on projects close to his heart. For most of his career, Andy's passion has been sharing the gift of music through creative outreach work – particularly in SEND settings. He has participated in and led countless workshops throughout Wales utilising his eclectic love of music (he plays and collects Mountain Dulcimers and was a founder member of the NOTNOW Jazz Quintet). Andy also devised and directed 'Jigso' – an RWCMD community ensemble for any age, any instrument, and any ability! Andy is excited to work with NOYO, seeing the Music Leader role as the ideal opportunity to draw all his various 'strands' together.

Rhian Davies - Assistant Music Leader



Rhian is a third-year student at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, where she studies with Elizabeth May and John Hall. She is principal flute of Cardiff Chamber Orchestra and has been a member of the National Open Youth Orchestra since 2019. During her times at RWCMD she has played with the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Orchestra and Flute Choir. In addition to performing, Rhian also has a strong interest in music outreach and participation work, particularly in inclusive and accessible music-making. Aside from music she enjoys reading, being outdoors and spending time with her family, friends and pets.