

From ACCET 2023 Summer School – forum and references

Forum Question

Many choirs lost singers during Covid and some of them have not come back. What have people done to bring people back / and to recruit?

Answers from several participants

Community choirs

- Open rehearsal
- Bring a friend to rehearsal
- Local workshop – working on one piece
- Open with safety precautions for all, and still offering Zoom

Schools

- Get singing back into the classroom
- Afternoon tea for parents / parent contact
- Students love concerts and recordings
- Email follow up
- The standards have dropped – accept this, reduce expectations and rebuild – e.g. reduce music to two parts
- Confidence to come to choir. If there are auditions do them after they have sung and have confidence to sing
- Audio auditions can be done – screen / phone
- Year 7 orientation – hustle – sign up new singers – and follow up

References

These were on the white board at Summer School end:

- 1 **Provoking Sound – The Choral Warm Up – James Jordan** – publisher GIA
- 2 **344 Exercises for Singers – Richard Hertel** – publisher DSP&G
- 3 Also mention of Feldenkrais – **The Feldenkrais Way – Richard Hertel** – there are some YouTube demonstrations also.