



BIOGRAPHY

Christina Coker OBE Chief Executive, Youth Music

Christina Coker was appointed the National Foundation for Youth Music's first Chief Executive in April 1999.

Christina has spent all of her professional working life involved in music, the arts more widely and in education. From her first job as a teacher of music and French in a secondary school, to subsequently moving into public policy, strategy and administration to extensive local government experience.

Christina's voluntary sector experience has included developing school and community arts projects, as Head of Outreach for the Roundhouse Arts Centre and subsequently, creating, leading and managing all aspects of the work of the Hackney Music Development Trust.

She continues to be actively involved as a musician in her spare time, enjoys a wide range of music styles and traditions, and enjoys supporting her twin daughters' music making and other diverse extra curricular activities.

Christina was awarded an OBE for services to music in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June 2005.