We are delighted to announce that Sing for Water London 2019 will take place on Sunday 15 September and will be led by Roxane Smith and Katie Rose. Joined by 40 other choirs, you will sing your heart out to river themed songs.

Last year’s event was a fantastic success and raised over £22,000 for WaterAid Projects in Rwanda – thank you so much to those of you who took part. Since Sing for Water began, we have raised over £1 million for WaterAid.

What’s involved?

Choirs

If you would like your choir to be part of Sing for Water 2019, choir leaders should read this document carefully, and register by contacting Kate Forde, our Head of Education and Engagement, no later than Friday 31 May. Please also circulate information with your choir members in good time so that they can sign up to be part of the performance.

Singer’s Attendance Fee

Following last year’s success we are introducing a £5 sign-up cost per singer to reduce drop-out rates. This can be done here.

Please note that as well as registering online here you will also need to register with your choir leader so that they know how many numbers to expect over the weekend. They will then be responsible for sending you the up to date music and event information.

Repertoire

We will be sending out 6 - 7 special SFW songs for the year by Easter with lyrics, audios and scores. A link to an online Dropbox containing the songs will be spent. The songs are in SATB format and can include multiple parts - if you have a small choir it’s fine just to learn one or two parts. Music will be sent to choir leaders once they have signed up. It will be up to them to send and teach to their choir members.

Singers need to have learned their parts by heart for the event and can practice at their choir rehearsals, the Pop-Up Project Rehearsals over the summer and at home using the Dropbox. We are happy to answer queries about this until the end of August 2019.
**Fundraising**

Singers need to commit to raising a minimum of £50 each. This can be raised collectively in choirs or individually. An online JustGiving Page is a great way to do this – make sure to clearly state the name of the individual and/or their choir they are part of to enable us to track fundraising. WaterAid can provide fundraising tips and ideas.

**Pop Up Rehearsals**

Once you sign up, there will be four fortnightly pop-up rehearsals at WaterAid offices on Tuesday evenings 6.30-8.30pm:

- Tuesday 23 July
- Tuesday 6 August
- Tuesday 20 August
- Tuesday 3 September

There is a suggested donation of **£5** per rehearsal, which can either be given in cash on the day or online to the [Sing for Water Pop Up Rehearsals Just Giving page](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/singforallwaterpopup) which last year raised **£1000** for WaterAid. Please note these donations are separate to the choir members’ £50 fundraising target. Please contact [Katie Rose](mailto:katie.rose@wateraid.org) for more info. Space at these rehearsals is limited, so it is essential that singers book their place [here](#).

Rehearsals will take place at: **WaterAid Offices, 47-49 Durham Street, London SE11 5JD**

A mass rehearsal for all the choirs will take place on **Saturday 14 September** from 2pm – 5pm, **VENUE TBC**.

There will be a compulsory final rehearsal on site on **Sunday 15 September** at 9am – 11am before the actual performance.

**Stay Tuned**

You can stay tuned to developments around Sing for Water and Totally Thames at

- [thamesfestivaltrust.org](http://thamesfestivaltrust.org)
- [twitter.com/TotallyThames](https://twitter.com/TotallyThames)
- [facebook.com/TotallyThamesUK](https://facebook.com/TotallyThamesUK)
- [Instagram.com/TotallyThames](https://Instagram.com/TotallyThames)

For more information, please contact [Kate Forde](mailto:kate.forde@wateraid.org)

We really appreciate your support of Sing for Water. Every note sung makes a difference – and we look forward to welcoming you to London this year.