



**Terrence "Terry" Noel supervising a training session with students from Ossett Academy in Belgium.**

## Challenging pan activity in UK and Central Europe

**Over the past three months, Trinidadian Terrence "Terry" Noel, founder and leader of the popular, globe-savvy BT Melodians, has his hands full. He is involved in a project now in its 10th year and funded and by the Performing Rights Society of the UK**

Noel's BT Melodians Steel Orchestra was among the final eight bands selected from among 70 applicants to participate in the scheme called Adopt a Composer, which will see the ensembles interpreting the music of a selected (adopted) composer.

The BBC will record the eight finalists on September 24, for eventual national/world wide broadcast in November.

BT Melodians was paired with young composer, Neil Luck, who has several noteworthy musical compositions to his credit, and who was given a free hand in arranging the band's pieces from American composer John Milton

Cage, Vito Hannibal Acconci and Charles Edward Ives. The result was a three-movement suite. The band is in constant rehearsals perfecting the arrangement.

Additionally, Noel has just returned to the UK from Belgium, where he was involved in tutoring 40 young music students from Ossett Academy from West Yorkshire in the rudiments of pan skills. Parents of the students from the school made monetary and other contributions so that the tour to Belgium could be a reality for their children.

The city of Flanders, famous for its poppies and World War11 history, was the venue chosen this year, .

At the end of their study period, the students performed at a concert in the city of Ostend on the pans, alongside a jazz ensemble and choir from the British school.