



# creative partnerships programmes

Creative Partnerships is the Government's flagship creative learning programme, designed to develop the skills of young people across England, raising their aspirations and achievements, and opening up more opportunities for their futures.

We foster innovative, long-term partnerships between schools and creative professionals, including architects, scientists, multimedia developers and artists. These partnerships inspire young people, teachers and creative professionals to challenge how they work and experiment with new ideas. They help bring the curriculum to life, providing new ways for students to engage with subjects and to develop increased motivation for learning.

Through Creative Partnerships, young people develop the skills they need to perform well not only in exams and extra-curricular activities, but also in the workplace.



## Why creativity?

We believe creativity is not just a skill bound within the arts, but a wider ability to question, make connections, innovate, problem solve and reflect critically. These are skills that are demanded by today's employers. Creative learning empowers young people to imagine how the world could be different and gives them the confidence and motivation to make positive change happen. This helps young people to engage with their education and to achieve.

## Calling all schools!

Future Creative is the area delivery organisation for Creative Partnerships in Kent and Medway. We are seeking to recruit new schools for our creative learning programmes, and to share our funding during the next academic year. We are looking for schools that are interested in contributing to developing cutting-edge creative learning practice.

## Who can apply?

Creative Partnerships programmes are available to maintained schools from Key Stages 1–4. There are two ways of engaging, depending on your school's needs and commitment to creative learning: either as an Enquiry School or as a Change School.

## Enquiry Schools

The Enquiry Schools programme takes place over a period of one year, enabling schools to explore how creative teaching and learning can enhance their practice. Enquiry Schools decide on a specific focus for their programme that may be related to a challenge they face or a need in their school improvement plan. This area of investigation is captured in an enquiry question that threads through the programme, and is explored through collaborative work between creative practitioners, teachers and young people.

## Change Schools

The Change Schools programme engages schools in an intensive programme for up to three years, that supports the creative development of the whole school. The Change Schools programme builds on Creative Partnerships' current practice to bring about sustainable change in approaches to teaching and learning. Schools recruited to the programme demonstrate a commitment to putting creativity at the heart of their improvement plans and to educating children and young people for a creative future.

Change Schools are encouraged to explore in depth how they are developing the conditions where creativity can thrive. They look at:

- ☀ the role of leaders in developing a creative school
- ☀ how the curriculum is planned and organised
- ☀ the ways in which teachers teach and learn creatively
- ☀ the ways in which children are encouraged to learn creatively
- ☀ how spaces and other resources are used
- ☀ the role of external partners, especially from the creative and cultural sector, and how they are involved in the life of the school.

## What are the benefits?

Independent research and reports by Ofsted show that Creative Partnerships has a significant positive impact on everyone involved: young people, parents, teachers and schools, as well as creative professionals. Schools improve their GCSE results faster, plus see improvement in students' confidence, communication skills, motivation and behaviour.

Creative Partnerships provides funding, support, resources and professional learning opportunities to support each programme.

## Funding

Each school selected for the programme will have the opportunity to apply for funding: Enquiry Schools programme budgets can be up to £3,000 and Change Schools up to £15,000 per year. Schools are expected to contribute 25% towards the programme costs per year, ie £1,000 cash contribution from Enquiry Schools and £5,000 from Change Schools. Please see the online Enquiry and Change Schools prospectuses at [www.creative-partnerships.com/es](http://www.creative-partnerships.com/es) and [www.creative-partnerships.com/cs](http://www.creative-partnerships.com/cs).

Each school is allocated a funded creative professional with experience of working in education, known as a 'creative agent', who will support the partnerships and assist the school in developing and promoting creative learning. Creative practitioners will then work directly with students and teachers in the classroom.

## Next steps

To register your interest in the Enquiry Schools or Change Schools programmes, please email [info@future-creative.org](mailto:info@future-creative.org) with your school name, full contact details and the programme that you are interested in.



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