

Lead Creative Schools Scheme Enhanced Secondary schools offer

As part of our Creative learning programme, Arts Council of Wales in partnership with Welsh Government are delighted to announce a new, exciting opportunity for secondary schools to continue their creative learning journey.

This is open to secondary schools that have previously been a Lead Creative School. We are inviting these secondary schools to work with creative professionals to explore developing and embedding creative learning approaches across Areas of Learning and explore curriculum design and delivery in preparation for the Curriculum for Wales.

There will be a strong focus on professional learning as part of this project and the successful schools will come together with creative professionals to co-design an approach and to share their learning.

Since 2015, the Lead Creative School Scheme has worked with 113 secondary schools across Wales, training over 300 teachers who went on to experience the benefits of collaborating with creative professionals to develop creative learning approaches within their school settings.

#### This offer will support you to:

- Work with creative professionals to further develop and embed creative learning practice, expertise and pedagogy across Areas of Learning and Experience, to transform learner outcomes and support a change in the learning culture in schools
- co-design the programme collaboratively to include and respond to the real needs of teaching professionals
- address your school development priorities, focussing on Years 7 and 8
- explore transformational and reflective approaches to teaching and learning
- engage in collaborative working to form a learning network of secondary school teaching professionals across Wales
- support your school in preparation for Curriculum for Wales 2022

### Your School will receive funding to:

- pay Creative Practitioners to collaborate and codesign professional learning opportunities with teachers and learners
- release teachers to attend co-development/ networking days to share and learn from participating teachers' practice
- purchase materials and resources needed to deliver a creative learning project

# | Funding

Schools will apply to join the Enhanced Secondary offer for a period of three terms (Spring, Summer and Autumn 2021) receiving a grant of £8,000.

Successful schools will form a network of practitioners to co-design a programme of work in accordance with their needs and professional development focus.

They will need to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the scheme and their own collaborative professional development.

Grant funding will pay for your project work over the course of this offer.

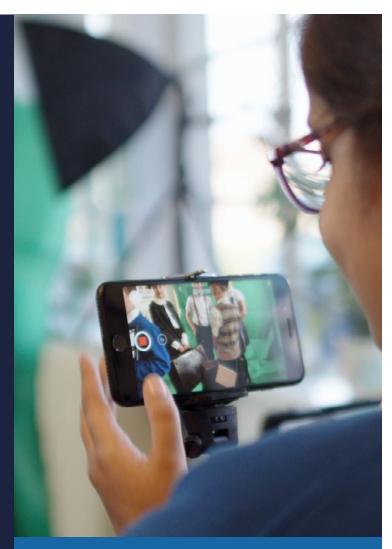
## Eligibility criteria:

This is open to secondary schools that have previously been awarded a Lead Creative Schools grant.

Any secondary school taking part in this strand will not be eligible to take part in any other Lead Creative Schools related activity.

The commitment we expect from schools

- allow participating teachers time to plan, evaluate and reflect with all partners and to actively support them to experiment and develop their practice
- involve teachers and learners as active partners and co-constructors of learning in planning, delivery and evaluation
- allow school coordinator and participating teachers to attend up to five planning and networking meetings (supply cover costs will be supported through the grant)
- Demonstrate active support for the scheme from the headteacher and senior leadership team
- Use the learning from the project to inform the future School Development Plan and preparation for the Curriculum for Wales 2022



## How to apply

Schools should complete on Expression of Interest (see attached). The deadline for applications is midday on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

Expressions of interest should be submitted to <u>creative.learning@arts.wales</u> Subject heading should be: Secondary Schools Enhanced Offer

We will aim to notify schools of our decisions by week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

If you have questions about your application to the Lead Creative School Scheme you can contact:

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# Secondary offer - application form questions/expression of interest information needed:

- 1 School details school name, address, original School Coordinator contact details etc
- Please give a brief summary of your Lead Creative School experience to date (words 250 max)
- Describe what creative learning approaches you have been able to implement since being a Lead Creative School (words 250 max)
- What challenges have you found in relation to embedding creative learning either within your Area of Learning and Experience or more widely within the school and, how do you see this offer as assisting you in your goal to further embed creative learning within the school? (words 500 max)
- How do you envisage developing the creative learning pedagogy within the school as an enabling factor for the Curriculum for Wales? (words 250 max)
- Describe how your involvement with this offer would supplement your own and your colleague's relationship with your/their individual professional learning and that of the wider school staff? (words 350 max)
- 7 Please provide a supporting statement from the headteacher

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