

Creativity Lives Here!

Tá Beocht na Cruthaitheachta Anseo!

Creative Schools Week is a celebration of creativity in schools all across Ireland. It is an opportunity to share, showcase, and connect all the exciting creative work that is being undertaken in every type of school and setting. Participation in this national celebration to open to all schools and settings and you are warmly invited to join in.

How do I get my students involved?

As a starting point for your celebration, you could explore the best way to celebrate Creative Schools Week with the children and young people in your school/centre by asking some questions below. Or even better - set up a Celebrate Advisory Group with student representatives.

Ask the students:

- What does being creative mean to you?
- What would you enjoy most about taking part in Creative Schools Week?
- Have you created something that you would like to share with your class, your school, your family, the community?
- How can we reach a wider audience and share our creativity in these socially distanced times?
- What would you like to explore, perform, demonstrate, present, exhibit, workshop or showcase?

Use...

- Brainstorming
- Workshops
- Questionnaires
- Surveys
- Small focus groups

Whatever you think will work for your school/centre.

How can we celebrate Creative Schools Week?

If you have already created material that could be shown during Creative Schools Week, great! Perhaps you could revisit it, spruce it up and show it off!

Or you could use the theme 'Creativity Lives Here', which could be the focus for some new work. Look inside the school for un-tapped organisational talents, perhaps there's a teacher or parent who is a musician or dancer, who would be happy to help organise your Creative Schools Week celebrations.

There are dozens of art forms and each one has many variables. Don't forget that crafts and practical activities like cookery and gardening are also very creative pursuits!