

WELCOME



Holy Family Junior School





Agenda

Welcome, warm up and introduction to Creative Schools	10.00 – 10.50
Activity - Weaving Connections	10.50 – 11.30
Presentation - Creativity in Education	11.30 – 11.40
Case Studies	11.40 – 12.20
Lunch	12.20 – 13.20
Presentation – Voice of Children and Young People	13.20 -14.00
Activity – Consultation Stations	14.00 – 15.00
Comfort Break	15.00 – 15.15
Planning and next steps	15.15 – 15.45
Close	15.55 – 16.00



WELCOME 186 Schools and Settings joining this Autumn

**4 schools in
Alternative
Settings**

25 counties

**132 Primary
schools**

**35 Post-primary
schools**

**75 Deis schools
16 Irish Language
Medium Schools
29 small schools**

**5 Youthreach
centres**

**11 Special
Schools**

**Lets get to know
each other**

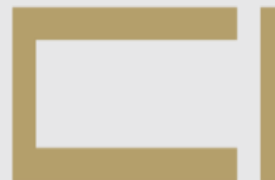


Creative Schools is a Partnership

Creative Schools is a flagship initiative of Creative Youth. Creative Schools is led by the Arts Council in partnership with the Department of Education and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



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Creative Ireland
Programme
2017–2022



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What are our objectives in Creative Schools ?



Drumcondra Parish School
Photo by Brian Cregan

Empowers children and young people to develop, implement and evaluate arts and creative activity throughout their schools.

Provides opportunities for children and young people to build their artistic and creative skills; to communicate, collaborate, stimulate their imaginations, be inventive, and to harness their curiosity.

Provides creative ways to ensure that children and young people have a central role in the Creative Schools process and that their voices are heard.

What are the impacts?



Gaelscoil Na Loachra

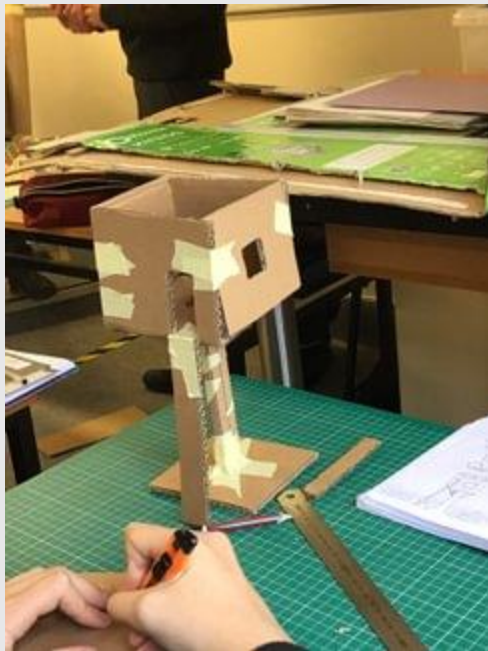
Supports schools to put the arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives.

Embeds the arts and creativity in teaching and learning; nurturing learners' sense of agency and self-worth, ensuring a positive experience and strong outcomes for children and young people.

Stimulates additional ways of working in schools that reinforce the impact of creativity on children and young people's learning, development and well-being.

Develops partnerships and mechanisms that enable sustained relationships between schools and the arts and cultural sectors.

Support to Creative Schools



Meánscoil Gharman, Wexford

Support from a professional Creative Associate for up to nine days over each school year. Creative Associates are paid directly by the Arts Council or the Department of Education

School Coordinator training which includes the opportunity to meet with other participating schools/centres and with the Creative Schools team.

A grant of €4,000 over two years.

What does a Creative Associate (CA) do?

Work with you, your colleagues and your students to explore creativity. Help you consult with your school/setting community to inform and guide Creative Schools.

Familiarise themselves with your school or setting e.g. development priorities and needs, future plans and current practice.

Ensure the voice of children and young people are central to the roll out of Creative Schools in your school/setting.

Use their practical experience to support you to develop partnerships and relationships with the arts and cultural sectors.

Support you to develop and begin to implement a Creative School Plan.

Challenge and support new thinking about creativity.



Creativity





The Five Creative Habits of Mind

1. Inquisitive

Wondering and Questioning
Exploring and Investigating
Challenging assumptions

2. Persistent

Tolerating uncertainty
Sticking with difficulty
Daring to be different

3. Imaginative

Playing with possibilities
Making connections
Using intuition

4. Disciplined

Crafting and Improving
Developing techniques
Reflecting critically

5. Collaborative

Cooperating appropriately
Giving and receiving feedback
Sharing the 'product'

Judith Jennings, St. Brigids Special School, Mullingar



Creative Schools has transformed the space we are working in... it has given students a greater voice as their creative ideas have been put to the fore. Every student has participated in some activity and their work is seen all around the school.

I have found my students have developed greater confidence in problem solving as they realised it is part of the creative process. It is wonderful to hear them talking in groups, figuring out what will and will not work.

Personally, I have found the process enlightening. I am looking at my teaching in a far more dynamic way, looking for creative solutions and looking for ways to elevate the student voice.

There is a freedom that comes with creative activity that enables you to explore different possibilities, that ultimately transforms teaching and learning and leads to a harmonious classroom where all are reaching their potential.



The Journey of a Creative School



Activity



In your group discuss

How did it feel to
create your web?

What do you notice
about your web?

How is this web like or
not like your school
community?



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Creativity in Education

