



Creative Wellbeing: A Creative Scotland & Education Scotland Partnership Fund

Creative Partner Call Out

Context

With learners' mental health and wellbeing a top priority across Scotland, the Creative Wellbeing Fund has been created through the partnership of Education Scotland and Creative Scotland to offer six grants of **£12,000-15,000** to support schools in taking a creative approach to addressing wellbeing. One school group will be selected in each [Regional Improvement Collaborative \(RIC\)](#) area to devise a project in collaboration with a creative partner.

The fund is designed to help partnership groups work together with a creative partner to find innovative solutions to increasing learner wellbeing and a wider sense of achievement. Schools and funded early learning and childcare providers were invited to apply for this unique funding opportunity in June. We are now seeking creative partners to collaborate with the selected schools with expressions of interest welcome by 10th September 2021.

Details

We will facilitate the matching of the six successful school groups with a creative partner (individual/s or organisation) who can bring creative thinking and practice and a fresh perspective to the school group's challenges, helping them explore, plan, and implement change.

Could that be you or your organisation?

The challenges will be unique to each learning setting; however, examples could relate to:

- Increasing learner agency and sense of ownership over their learning.
- Improving learners' experience of transition from Early Years settings to Primary/ Primary to Secondary
- Engaging families with the school and their child's learning so learners are better supported at home.
- Creating a school environment in which young people feel safe, empowered, and nurtured.
 - Developing strong positive learner/teacher relationships



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To respond to the identified challenges, we are looking for creative partners who can demonstrate skills at engaging learners, understand the power of creativity and can articulate the importance of creativity skills to wellbeing.

They will be able to demonstrate improvement in learner wellbeing through creativity and the development of creativity skills in collaboration with teachers and other partners.

Each project will involve a school's group which may include a variety of learning settings and partners. The six successful projects will be selected in September, and at that point we will know which schools and funded early learning and childcare providers will be involved and where in Scotland they are located.

Timeline

Call out to school groups	16 th June 2021
Call out to creative partners	9 th August 2021
Q&A CPD Sessions for creative partners	18 th , 25 th August, and 1 st September 2021
Application deadline for school groups	31 st August 2021
Expression of interest deadline for creative partners	10 th September 2021
Successful school groups notified	30 th September 2021
Creative Wellbeing Speed Dating Event	6 th October 2021
Chosen creative partners notified	by mid- October 2021
Develop project plan with school and partners	by end November
Project delivery	by end of June 2022
End of project showcase event	June 2022- date TBC
End of project report	due end August 2022

[If you are interested in applying](#) there will be three sessions held via Teams throughout August where you can find out more about the fund and gain insights into best practice in working with education settings.

The first of these will introduce the fund and include a Q&A session with Jonathan McLean, Interim Creative Learning Officer, Creative Scotland & Julia Fenby, Education Officer for Creativity, Education Scotland.

This will be followed by two training sessions (25th August & 1st September) on topics including Scotland's Curriculum, learner entitlements, Scotland's Creative Learning Plan, and the importance of developing creativity skills in the classroom.

Notes from these sessions will be shared on the Creative Wellbeing page on Education Scotland's website shortly after they take place for those unable to attend.



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To receive invites to these events or if you have any questions, please sign up on the links below:

[14:30-16:00, 18th August](#)

[14:30-16:00, 25th August](#)

[14:30-16:00, 1st September](#)

Please see attached creative partner brief for further information and ensure you email your expression of interest by Friday 10th September 2021 to: jonathan.mclean@creativescotland.com

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