

Lead Creative Schools Scheme: Call for Creative Practitioners

Waunceirch Primary School, Dwr y Felin Road, Neath, SA10 7RW

Fee: £4,000 | **Project Duration:** Oct 2018 – May 2019 | **Application Deadline:** 16 September 2018

We're inviting applications from Creative Practitioners (individuals / partnerships / studios / organisations) to work with a group of up to 28 Year 3 pupils (girls and boys, aged 7-8) to develop their Digital Competency Skills (in line with the [Digital Competence Framework](#)) and explore ways of using the various roles involved in filmmaking to progress pupils' engagement and listening skills, with a focus on literacy. The project will be informed by pupil responses to a planned school trip to St Fagans National Museum of History (<https://museum.wales/stfagans/>) in January 2019 and reflections on the historical and contemporary locale of the school.

At this stage the brief is relatively open to allow for Creative Practitioners to work collaboratively with two Year 3 Teachers and their learners to develop the project and its outcomes in more detail.

The appointed Creative Practitioner(s) will work with the teachers and pupils to develop and deliver the detailed project structure, content and outcomes, as well as creative ways to document and evaluate the project and celebrate achievements.

The participating teachers are interested in developing new digital skills and sharing their learning across the school. It is expected that the Creative Practitioner will support this process by sharing knowledge and providing skills training for teachers as part of the project.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We welcome applications from Creative Practitioner(s) (including individuals, partnerships, teams, organisations or studios) with expertise in filmmaking. The Creative Practitioner(s) must demonstrate a commitment to developing excellence in creative practice and an engaging and inspiring aptitude to working with others.

The appointed Creative Practitioner will be expected to:

- Effectively facilitate creative learning activities in school;
- Be actively involved in the project planning and development stages of the project;
- Develop working relationships with teachers and other school staff that are characterised by trust and openness;
- Work with teachers and pupils to develop a creative learning community in the school based on collaborative and reflective practice with a view to embedding sustainable change;
- Share their personal creative journeys with learners and demonstrate pathways into careers in the creative sector;
- Be able to relate to young people in ways that are different from the teacher/learner relationship. This difference is hard to define, but is usually characterised by a greater degree of informality, openness and negotiated practice than might ordinarily be observed in relationships between teachers and pupils.
- Work alongside teachers and other school staff in the classroom, in ways that allow both skill sets to complement each other. The strength of the collaborative partnership lies in partners' understanding of their distinctive and complementary skill sets. Creative Practitioners should maintain the mind-set of an

external partner, while the teacher makes full use of their expertise and knowledge of pupils' needs and abilities;

- Work with teachers and pupils to develop a feasible project to achieve the agreed project outcomes within the budget and timescale available.

FEES, SCHEDULE & BUDGET

The Creative Practitioner Fee is £4,000 to cover all fees, reasonable expenses and materials. The contract is for 16 Days work at a rate of £250/day, which may be shared between two or more practitioners. There is an additional budget of up to £1,500 for reasonable travel expenses for the Creative Practitioner and for materials and other expenses towards the project, which will be agreed with the school on appointment.

The project will take place **Oct 2018 – May 2019**, including the following key dates:

- 03 – 04 October 2018** The successful Creative Practitioner(s) will be expected to attend a **mandatory two-day Arts Council of Wales Lead Creative School Scheme training course** (unless they have already attended CP training for a previous Lead Creative Schools project). The training is free. Creative Practitioner(s) will not be paid a fee to attend the training but reasonable travel and accommodation expenses incurred in attending will be reimbursed from the project budget. Creative Practitioner(s) must be available on this date.
- 26 October 2018** Deadline for submission of project planning form to Arts Council of Wales by the school. The successful Creative Practitioner(s) will be expected to feed into an initial outline plan for the project before the form is submitted.
- 05 Nov 2018 – 30 Apr 2019** The school-based sessions and main activity for the project must take place between these dates. The dates for activity, prep and planning time are negotiable and will be agreed with the successful candidate(s), considering the school day, availability of teachers and teaching periods. However, it is expected that the Creative Practitioner will undertake some school-based sessions with pupils and teachers in preparation for the school trip to St Fagans Museum in January 2019, which the appointed Creative Practitioner will also be expected to attend.
- 24 May 2019** The deadline for submission of the evaluation form and supporting material to Arts Council of Wales. The Creative Practitioner will be expected to contribute to the completion of the evaluation form.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit the following information to commissions@addocreative.com by Midnight on **16 Sept 2018**:

- Up to 10 digital images and if desired, a 10-min (max) show-reel (N.B. When sending large files (over 4MB), please provide hyperlinks to online files or send via DropBox / WeTransfer);
- An up-to-date CV;
- A brief letter of application that broadly outlines why you are interested in this opportunity and how your experience and qualities would make you a suitable candidate for this Lead Creative Schools project;
- Two referees that can testify to your suitability to undertake the project.

Creative Practitioner(s) will be selected on the quality and relevance of their past work to the brief. Please note that we do not require proposals at this stage because it is expected that the appointed candidate will develop the project in collaboration with the school, teachers and pupils.

SELECTION PROCESS

Up to 5 candidates will be shortlisted for interview from the applications received. Interviews will take place on **27 September 2018** at Waunceirch Primary School, Dwr y Felin Road, Neath, SA10 7RW. **Candidates must be available for interview on this date.** Invitations to interview will be sent out by 21 September 2018.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any queries regarding this commission, please email Sarah Pace, LCS Creative Agent at commissions@addocreative.com

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Waunceirch Primary School is a busy and friendly school with lots going on. The school's vision for teachers, learners and the wider school community is: "Growing and learning together. Doing our best forever". The school's visions and values are at the core of everything they do, underpinning teaching and learning, and providing an environment that prepares pupils as confident, happy citizens. For more information visit: <http://www.waunceirch.co.uk>

More about the Lead Creative Schools Scheme

The Lead Creative Schools Scheme provides opportunities for schools to explore new and exciting creative approaches to teaching and learning across the curriculum, supporting them to address issues, important development priorities and the needs of learners. It aims to develop the creativity, aspirations and achievements of young people in Wales, opening up more opportunities for their future. It supports innovation and the development of long-term partnerships between schools and creative professionals. The Lead Creative Schools Scheme is funded by the Welsh Government and the Arts Council of Wales. For more information visit <http://www.arts.wales/what-we-do/creative-learning>

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