

# Lead Creative Schools Scheme: Call for Creative Practitioners

Llanfechain Primary School, Powys, SY22 6UQ

**Budget:** £5,000 | **Project Duration:** January-April 2024 | **Application Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

We're inviting applications from Creative Practitioners (individuals and partnerships are welcome) who have a practice in digital technology. Working with the whole school (there are 47 pupils on the school roll) to investigate how we use digital technologies to explore literacy in an inquisitive and collaborative manner.

Llanfechain Primary is a village school, set in impressive grounds, catering for pupils up to eleven years old. Our ethos is one of family and community values.

## WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We welcome applications from a Creative Practitioner(s) with an established practices which uses digital technologies and who can demonstrate commitment to developing excellence in creative practice. The appointed Creative Practitioners will be expected to work together 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 teachers 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 project has an overall budget of £5,000 to cover all fees and reasonable expenses. The contract will be for 14 days' work, at a rate of £300/day including VAT. The remaining budget is for reasonable expenses, including creative practitioner travel and materials towards the project, which will be agreed with the school on appointment.

The project will take place between **January - April 2024**. We intend that the practitioners will deliver live sessions at the school. The successful candidates would be expected to feed into the initial outline planning for the project prior to **January 2024**.

**The selected practitioner(s) will be required to:**

- Undergo a DBS check and provide proof of Public Liability Insurance cover.
- Be able to attend a mandatory one-day LCS training course (unless they have already attended CP training for a previous Lead Creative Schools project.) Training will take place on **10<sup>th</sup> January 2024** in Betws-y-Coed.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit the following information to [tracy@addocreative.com](mailto:tracy@addocreative.com) by midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023:

- Up to 10 digital images in Powerpoint or single PDF format 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 commission.

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 3 candidates will be shortlisted for interview from each practitioner opportunity from the applications received. Interviews will take place in person on **20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. **Candidates must be available for interview on this date**. Invitations to interview will be sent out by 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you have any queries regarding this commission, please email Tracy Simpson, LCS Creative Agent at [tracy@addocreative.com](mailto:tracy@addocreative.com)

### **More about Llanfechain Primary School**

A Church in Wales village school with a proud reputation for an ethos toward family and community values, where every child is nurtured and encouraged by a highly qualified and caring team of staff. Catering for children up to eleven years old, the school roll includes children from Llanfechain and the surrounding areas and from further afield including children from Llanfyllin, Llanyblodwel and Llansantffraid.

The school has created a lively and stimulating environment both within the building and outside, where children learn and play in unrivalled school grounds complete with an outdoor classroom, large playground, playing fields and gardens.

### **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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