

## ***Fusion Primaries Creativity Champions***

The Schools' Creativity Champion role has been developed so that Fusion, Barnsley's Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP), has a direct link to a named person within schools. The aim is to improve communication between the cultural and education sectors.

Fusion's vision is for **all** children and young people within Barnsley to have the opportunity to access high quality arts, heritage, cultural and creative education and experiences. To find out more about Fusion, please visit <https://barnsleyfusion.co.uk/>

### ***The role of the Creativity Champion***

- 1. Receive emails from Fusion about cultural education opportunities**
- 2. Receive Fusion's termly newsletter and share with colleagues/across school networks as appropriate**
- 3. Signpost colleagues, pupils and their families to relevant art and cultural activity. This includes free and paid-for cultural experiences and learning opportunities, activities, events, CPD, as well as funding and other support**
- 4. When (and if) possible, attend Governors' meetings (for example once per term), to develop art and cultural education policies with Senior Leadership Teams and report these to colleagues**
- 5. Where possible, attend (or identify colleagues to attend) relevant Fusion CPD meetings, networking meetings and Creative Exchange events**

### ***Who can undertake the role of Creativity Champion?***

The role can be undertaken by any member of teaching staff within the school (including teaching assistants and HLTAs) or anyone from within the leadership team. It just needs to be someone who is passionate about the value of the arts and who is capable of driving it forward within their school.

### ***Benefits of arts, culture and creativity within education***

The benefits of arts, culture and creativity for children are far-reaching, as reflected in IVE's overview of '10 reasons why art and culture making a difference to children and young people':

*'Children born in the UK today can expect to live for as much as one hundred years. They are likely to witness immense change and face great challenges. An education that stimulates their creativity can help them thrive, enjoy, and achieve in their lives, and shape a better future for themselves, as well as for the nation as a whole.'* (Sir Nicholas Serota, CH Chair of The Durham Commission on Creativity and Education)

### ***How to appoint a Creativity Champion***

If you are interested in becoming a Creativity Champion within your school (or you are a Head teacher wishing to nominate a member of staff to take on this role), please contact:

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