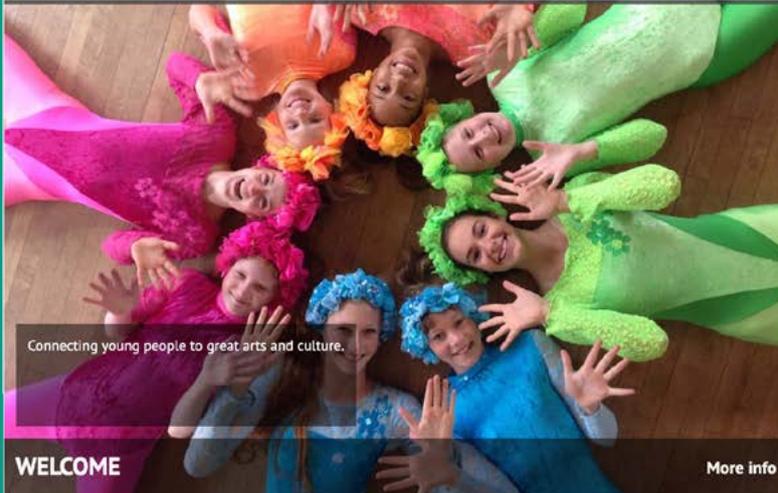


OUR GUIDE TO

# UNLOCKING YOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL'S CREATIVE JOURNEY

Welcome



Connecting young people to great arts and culture.

WELCOME

More info



## Get involved!

Connecting cultural organisations and the education sector so that children and young people can have access to great arts and excellent cultural opportunities.

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## Secondary schools



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CASE STUDIES



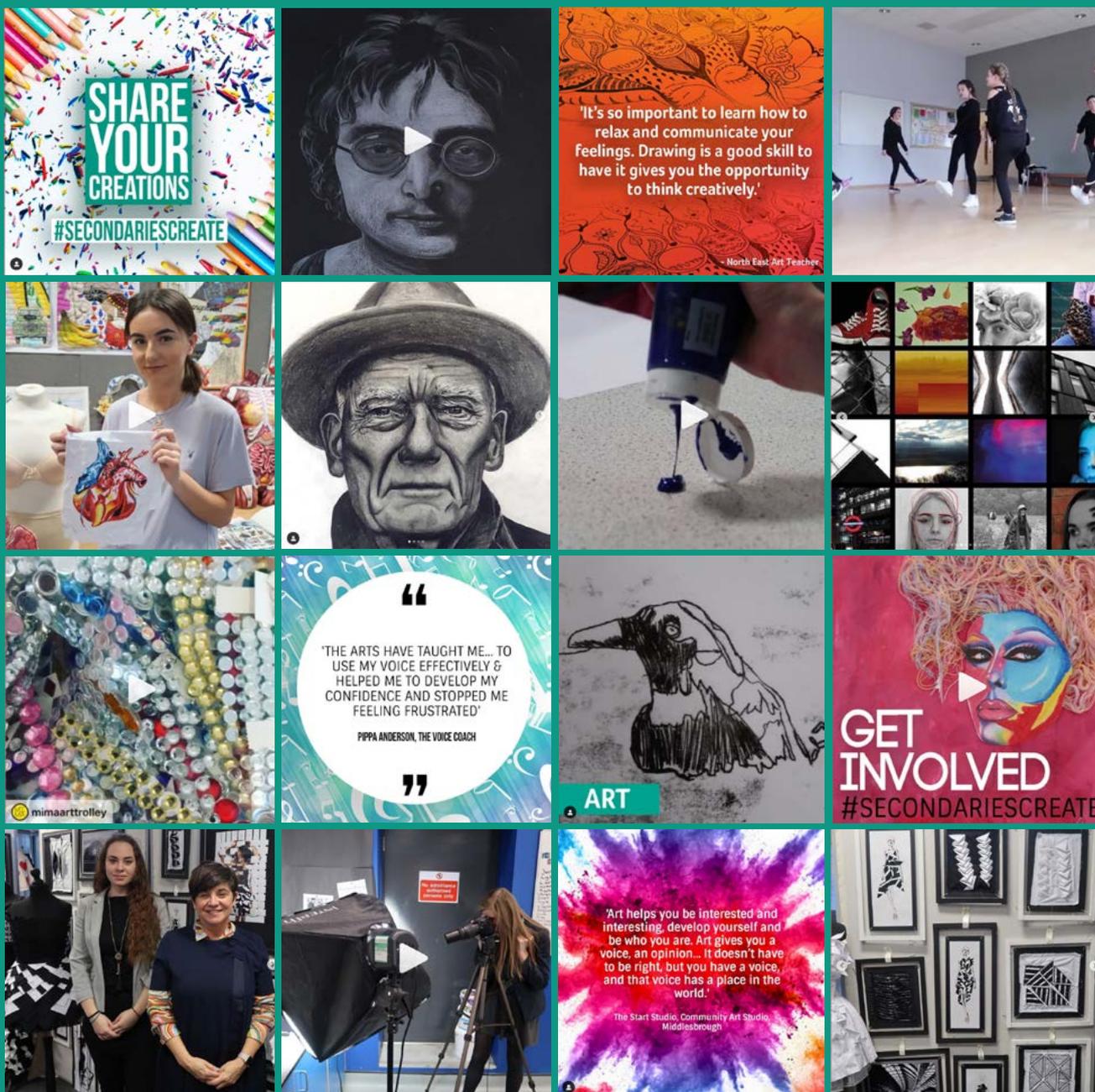
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# HOW CAN CULTURE BRIDGE NORTH EAST HELP YOU?

Culture Bridge North East believes that when young people take part in excellent cultural education, they are enabled to discover connections with others, develop their unique talents, and build the confidence and resilience needed to succeed as adults.

Our job is to collaborate with organisations across the North East and beyond to champion culture and the arts as vital parts of childhood and adolescence.

We can help you with resources and CPD to unlock your school's creative journey.



# #SECONDARIESCREATE

We have created this guide to share tips, advice and case studies with all of our secondary school teachers. As we hope you'll be both inspired and motivated to continue and expand upon the creative and cultural education that your secondary school currently offers.

We have visited many schools across the North East to find out about the outstanding and innovative work that is taking place. If you want to read all of our full case studies, head over to >> <https://culturebridgenortheast.org.uk/secondary-schools/case-studies>

There's a specific section on our website that's dedicated to discussing the key areas of creative and cultural education that affect secondary school teachers and schools, and we hope you find these blog posts inspiring and informative >> <https://culturebridgenortheast.org.uk/secondary-schools/blogs>

# INNOVATIVE CREATIVE PROJECTS

# 24-HOUR MUSICAL PRODUCTION AT CARMEL COLLEGE DARLINGTON



24-hour musical Production at Carmel College Darlington, a member of the Carmel Education Trust

“We had an idea to run a 24-hour musical two years ago, and it’s been incredibly successful, so we’ve decided to run it every year. What’s brilliant about the musical is that it allows the whole school to come together and work collaboratively on a big creative project. One student told us that ‘The 24-hour musical was the best day ever! I love it more than anything’ It’s feedback like this that has ensured the project is now in its third year.”

Sara Crawshaw, Assistant Vice Principal

To find out more about the programme, please contact Culture Bridge North East by emailing; [bridge@twmuseums.org.uk](mailto:bridge@twmuseums.org.uk), and we will be able to put you in touch with the school directly.



Photo credit: Carmel College Darlington

# MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS



Pictured left to right: Steve Haigh Headteacher, Whickham School and Sports College, Rebecca O'Neal, Deputy Headteacher at Front Street School, Jane Bowler, Youth Mental Health Nurse, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust, John Quinn, Digital Artist and Ednie Wilson, Creativity Development Manager at Gateshead Council



## HELP the Healthy Emotional Lives Programme at Whickham School and Sports College

HELP is a trailblazing programme that Whickham School and Sports College began in 2018 in conjunction with Gateshead Council and 4 feeder primary schools. The programme looks at how having self-awareness and a healthy emotional life is crucial to the growth of young learners, using the arts and the cultural sector to support that ambition. They hope to support happier and more confident, creative students who have a real sense of self and the ability to know when they need support and how to access it.

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# DELIVERING ARTS AWARD GOLD

Duke's Secondary School is delivering Arts Award Gold in partnership with BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art. Arts Award Gold is suitable for 16-25 year-olds and is a unique qualification that helps young people to develop as artists and art leaders. Arts Award isn't just about developing your artistic practice, it's about understanding the arts and forming and communicating your views about art and how it sits in the wider world.

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To find our more about how BALTIC can support Arts Award please contact [learning@balticmill.com](mailto:learning@balticmill.com)



Pictured left to right: Ms Franky Leigh, Teacher of Art & Design, Ms Louise Gatti, Subject Lead Art & Design from Duke's Secondary School Part of The Northumberland Academy Trust with Rachael Rickwood, Assistant Producer (Children & Young People) BALTIC, Centre for Contemporary Art.



## WORKING COLLABORATIVELY ON ARTSMARK

North Durham Academy is a Platinum Artsmark school and is currently working with The Forge on a drama based programme.

North Durham Academy works with many organisations and is currently engaged in a new collaborative writing and drama-based programme with The Forge, funded by Stanley Area Action Partnership. The project has been inspired by the works of the pitman playwright Alexander Barrass and has allowed the pupils to work with the playwright David Napthine to re-tell the story of life in Stanley today. The project has helped the students build upon their resilience as well as strengthening their literacy and performance skills.

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Pictured left to right: Drama students at North Durham Academy with Miss. Bethany Robson, Teacher of Music

# MAINTAINING YOUR ARTS PROVISION



Pictured left to right: Tyrone Coomber, Teacher of Music, Kay Parker, Subject Leader for Music and Angela Rose, Lead Practitioner for Teaching and Learning and Teacher of Drama at Rye Hills Academy.



**Working as a team to deliver exciting arts opportunities.**

Rye Hills Academy based in Redcar is one of the only secondary schools in the area that provides weekly timetabled lessons in art, music and drama at KS3 and KS4. The teachers here have personally seen what a powerful impact the arts can have on all of their students. From creating new opportunities for SEND students, to boosting the confidence of shy students along with having a positive effect on teenagers with behavioural issues, allowing them to find a focus and a joy of learning within the school system, sometimes for the first time.

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