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Expression of Interest – North East Creativity Collaboratives Network’s Advisory Board

Duchess’s Community High School in Alnwick have been chosen to lead the North East Creativity Collaborative Network (NECCN). The NECCN is a strong region wide school led network that will work together over the coming three years.

As a professional learning community, it will model school-led improvement focusing on leadership for creativity, teaching for creativity across all areas of the curriculum and engaging learners as Creativity Champions. Working alongside international experts it will explore existing research and promising practices, develop new CPD, frameworks and tools and create opportunities for schools to network, mentor, support and challenge each other.

Creativity Collaboratives is an Arts Council England initiative. Across England there are 8 Creativity Collaborative Pilots testing out a range of innovative practices in teaching for creativity.

The North East Creativity Collaboratives Network is looking to recruit representatives for its Advisory Board from a wide range of sectors including the Arts, culture and creative industries, representatives and from academia and the public and private sectors who are interested in education and the development of the creative potential of children and young people from the region.

Key criteria

- Passionate about education and working with children and young people
- Well positioned and networked to contribute and influence the work of the NECCN

- Able to think strategically, beyond their own organisation
- Able to influence and enthuse peers and colleagues.

The North East Creativity Collaborates Network aims and objectives

The overarching aim of this partnership is to explore approaches to embed teaching for creativity across the curriculum. Teaching for creativity is explicitly using pedagogies and practices that cultivate creativity in young people.

Specific objectives are:

- To model school-led improvement focusing on leadership for creativity and teaching for creativity
- To put creativity at the centre of child development, reducing cultural poverty to raise aspirations through cultural capital investment and improving the life chances of children in the North East
- To work alongside international experts to explore existing research and promising practices
- To develop new CPD, assessment frameworks and tools
- To create opportunities for schools to network, mentor, support and challenge each other
- To engage students as Creativity Champions.

Partnership activities

Activities to be delivered by the partnership are to:

- Develop models of creative pedagogies and practice, develop leadership, teacher and Whole School CPD, create assessment frameworks, toolkits and resources to support schools to experiment and take risks in the design and delivery of Teaching for Creativity as a whole school and cross curriculum priority
- Build a strong region wide school led network which explores and tests approaches to embedding teaching for creativity across the curriculum
- Work with leaders in the network to develop their capacity to lead for creativity so that it becomes embedded in school
- Work with schools and their teachers to explore their starting point and to support them to develop and implement creative teaching and learning strategies across the curriculum using a whole school approach

- Build a sustainable network which grows incrementally by sharing ideas, best practice and offering support to other schools across the region working with the 8 regional Local Cultural Education Partnerships (LCEPs) so that more schools can develop approaches to leading and teaching for creativity and for young peoples leadership for creativity
- Facilitate regular formal and informal meetings between partners both in-person and online, in addition to peer-to-peer learning opportunities to visit schools across the network to share and reflect on practice
- Measure the impact of the work of the NECCN and its schools on learners, teachers and schools
- Deepen partnerships for schools in the network with the arts and creative sector and industry
- Establish a network of Young Creativity Champions (YCC) to support children in having a voice for creativity

Terms of Reference

Members commit to:

- Maintain a strategic overview of the work of the NECCN and the effectiveness of its work
- Advise on general strategy for the NECCN for it to achieve its overall objectives and progress
- Act as a critical friend, providing challenge, support, advice and ideas
- Scrutinise NECCN's plans, evaluation and reporting to ensure agreed objectives and funding criteria are met
- Engage in decisions and to ensure that they are taken in the best interests of the NECCN
- Share expertise, local knowledge and experience to inform and challenge the shape and direction of the NECCN
- Act as an ambassador and spokesperson to stakeholders and networks and to broker strategic connects for the NECCN, as appropriate.

As a member of the NECCN Advisory Group, you would commit to attending one meeting every term during the academic year as well as engaging with other NECCN events.

Expressions of Interest should be forwarded to North East Creativity Collaboratives Network creativity.collaborativesne@cceengland.org by

21 March 2022 and include a short covering letter outlining your interest in joining the advisory board and demonstrating your skills, attributes and experience as relevant to the key criteria. For a further conversation about the role please email creativity.collaborativesne@cceengland.org.

The Advisory board is composed of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of eight members. Informal interviews may held to further discuss expressions of interest. We aim to respond within 2 weeks of the deadline.