



Collaborative Learning Programme

2016 – 2018

Creative Schools

Collaboration begins when you learn together

East London Cultural Education Partnership

What is the Collaborative Learning Programme?

The East London Cultural Education Partnership (ELCEP) brings together a critical mass of organisations to develop a shared vision for cultural education.

The Creative Schools initiative is a key expression of this commitment bringing together schools, cultural organisations, local authorities, music hubs, community partners and funders to transform collective thinking into strategic, joined up action,

for the benefit of all children and young people in East London.

The Collaborative Learning Programme comprises of one of the four major strands of work within Creative Schools designed to strengthen partnership practice between organisations and to develop new business models and delivery tools that support sustainable, long-term investment in cultural education.

What can you expect from the curriculum?

Guided and shaped by the needs of partners in the network, the curriculum breaks down into four thematic strands:

We spoke to over 30 cultural organisations from across East London and built this programme in response to what people really want - stream-lined, digestible learning and strategic, thoughtful support to nurture meaningful collaborative practice together.

Richard Watts, people make it work

Collaboration and partnership working have become cornerstones of professional practice and new leadership models in Cultural Education as with so many other sectors.

Demonstrating capacity to do more with less and to manage partnership effectively is a widely accepted indicator of organisational strength and resilience in the eyes of the Arts Council and beyond.

In this context, the Collaborative Learning Programme is supporting culture sector professionals to evolve and strengthen their collaborative practice through structured professional learning, dialogue and experimentation.

The programme will develop a community of outward looking leaders committed to going beyond their comfort zone to engage in meaningful mutual enquiry and to develop new ways of working strategically with each other and with schools in East London. Practices, techniques and ideas will be tested in this context; however, the legacy of the programme will be to embed collaboration and partnership learning across organisations and the sector as a whole.

WHAT SCHOOLS WANT: Working lunches

Understanding the changing needs and priorities of schools is crucial to building effective partnership projects. Specialists from the education sector will share the very latest knowledge, insights and practical advice around policy, strategy and navigating internal mechanisms and structures of schools.

PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION IN ACTION: Half days

Key theoretical principles of collaboration will be interrogated in practice as leading practitioners share learning from real-life collaboration case studies. Three hour sessions will allow for in depth exploration, reflection, skills-development, discussion and live project pitching.

THE ONE ABOUT THE MONEY: Working lunches

Practical analysis of the financial dynamics of partnership from project modelling to brokerage and negotiation, resource management and fundraising in collaboration. Sessions will blend best practice approaches with insights into the cross-sector funding landscape.

INNOVATION: Evening get-togethers

Live project showcases are designed to expand your field of vision and reinvigorate your practice beyond everyday agendas providing access to leading edge multi-disciplinary work in development that is breaking new ground across sectors.

CURRICULUM AT A GLANCE

2016/17	Strand	Content
May	What Schools Want	Surveying the education sector: Research and insights into cultural engagement Steve Moffitt, Corinne Bass, A New Direction Monday 16 May, 1-3pm, Barbican
June	Principles in Action	Shared Vision and Joint Value & Commitment Jan Sharkey-Dodds Monday 13 June, 2-5pm, Theatre Royal Stratford East
July	Innovation	Foundation for Future London Showcase Date and venue tbc
July	Summer Partnership Event	Creative Schools network sharing
August	The One about the Money	Trends and opportunities in cultural and education sector funding Amanda Rigali, Cause 4 Date and venue tbc
September	What Schools Want	Responding to Core Curriculum
October	Principles in Action	Complimentary resources and Clear roles & responsibilities
November	The One about the Money	Financial models that work
November	Annual Partnership Symposium	Creative Schools network sharing
December	Innovation	Live Project Showcase
January	What Schools Want	Making 'Off-curriculum' projects work
February	Principles in Action	Open communication and Transparent plan
March	Innovation	Live Project Showcase
March	Spring Partnership Event	Creative Schools network sharing

Year two programme to be announced



Approach

Participant led:

Joint professional development based on collaborative enquiry for mutually beneficial sustained learning.

Action based:

Practical, synthesised, accessible learning and action plans that can be embedded in every day practice.

Blended:

Combining interactive skills sessions, sector intelligence sharing, strategic networking, live project show cases supported by the latest collaboration technology.

"Atomos, Company Wayne McGregor. Photo by Ravi Deepres".

A Hub of Learning

Monthly events make up one component of a wider framework of accessible learning on and offline. Around each curriculum strand, there will be a suite of tailored learning resources including session materials and recordings and accessible summaries of research, practice guides and toolkits, advice and provocations.

Digital innovation

Leading digital collaboration technology will be integrated into all programme activity to create a vibrant digital learning environment and to strengthen digital culture within the sector.

Action Learning Sets

Action Learning Sets offer a simple, powerful way for individuals to harness combined knowledge and skills to generate new solutions to real challenges. Facilitated by cultural education specialists, these Action Sets create space for you as leaders to come together to tackle the issues that matter to you.

Live project pitching and pairing

A dedicated pitching platform on and offline will allow partners to showcase projects in their earliest stages and crowdsource feedback and collaborators. Supporting this process, we hope to catalyse innovative collaboration and enable sector learning as the projects evolve.

How will you learn?

- Structured professional learning supported by streamlined resources and materials
- Peer to peer learning and knowledge transfer
- Access to specialist expertise from within and outside the sector
- Developing practice and theory side by side
- Facilitated networking and partnership brokering
- Action Learning Sets addressing cultural education practice

What will you learn?

- Practical tools, skills, techniques that can be embedded in every day practice
- Models and mechanisms for effective partnership working
- Engagement with accessible digital collaboration tools and applications
- Strategies for empowering Youth Voice in collaborative practice
- Sustainable approaches for future collaborative working

Become a member of creative schools

Creative Schools is an annual subscription service, with fees based on organisation size.

The East London Cultural Education Partnership is committed to developing sustainable business models and delivering high quality, needs-led opportunities for partners that increase efficiencies and maximise impact.

To find out more about our membership structure please email
hello@creativeschools.london

Collaboration starts here

Inspired by the exceptional work already being done in East London, this professional development support brings you and fellow cultural leaders together to share, develop and apply new ideas, practical skills and innovative approaches to enhance collaborative working.

"I'm excited that we're all coming together to create this exceptional professional development opportunity, and can't wait to get stuck in to some, inspiring, challenging and practical learning with my fellow East London Cultural leaders..."

Louise Dennison, Serious

"FAR, Company Wayne McGregor. Photo by Ravi Deepres".



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