

### Practitioner Opportunity

#### **Monmouth Comprehensive School**

#### **Enquiry: Can a group of Secondary Pupils become creative learning consultants and trainers within their own school?**

<b>Creative Habits of Mind</b>	All
<b>Group of Learners</b>	select creative team of secondary pupils
<b>Curriculum Skill</b>	various
<b>Art Form/Creative Practice</b>	open to ideas

Monmouth Comprehensive is looking for one or more Practitioners to work on a Year 1 LCS Project.

We want this project to be genuinely pupil led. We envisage one or more Practitioners coming into the school and working alongside a chosen team of pupils, using various creative methodologies. The idea is to upskill and coach these pupils so that they will become creative specialists, trainers and consultants. They will study and explore creativity, why it matters, what its role is, and how/why it should play a greater role in education. Eventually they will lead workshop activities and train teachers.

They will look at:

- different areas of the curriculum, collaboratively generating ideas on how creativity can be embedded in teaching methods;
- how the Creative Habits of Mind can become common terms used within the school;
- how an understanding of the principles of the High Functioning Classroom can boost engagement, wellbeing and achievement, as well as creating more rounded and confident human beings.

To this end, we are open to ideas. There is no set artform, and we want to hear your ideas. The key is that the approaches to creativity which emerge **must be relatively easy to replicate and disseminate throughout the school after the project is finished.**

Some (purely optional) ideas that spring to mind so far:

- simple podcasting and spoken word recording - can this create ways of engaging with a topic, and enhancing pupil voice?;

## Lead Creative Schools Scheme

- physical drama and movement - learning with your body, regulating your emotions, self-expression;
- methods of focusing the attention and settling the mind.
- engaging with curriculum topics in other ways which use creative thinking

The current thinking is that this year 1 phase will focus on upskilling the young creative consultants and exploring creativity. Year 2 will then focus on these specialists leading the charge in rolling out creativity across the school - delivering INSET training, getting involved with lesson planning etc.

The aim is also to create a bank of creative resources and approaches which the school will feel more confident in using long term.

Successful Practitioners **must** already be trained on the LCS Scheme, **or** be able to attend one of the upcoming training dates (these dates are uncertain at the moment - please get in touch if you want to know more about this).

It is hoped that Project Delivery will begin before the summer holidays.

The successful candidate **must** be able to demonstrate a current DBS check in a relevant line of work, **or** be ready to apply for a new one to take part in the project.

The practitioner fee will be based on a rate of £300 per full school day. Some planning time will also be paid at the same rate.

Interviews are expected to take place on **Thurs May 2nd and/or Thurs May 16th**. Please indicate your availability for both of these dates. Shortlisted candidates will be expected to run a short workshop with a group of learners in the school, ideally demonstrating how they have a good angle on how to develop cross-curricular creativity within the school.

To apply, please send:

- A current CV noting relevant experience
- An outline Proposal for the project (no page/word limit, but please do be concise and relevant to the stated aims)
- Details of a referee
- An image of your most recent and relevant DBS check
- Any further relevant career details with images or links where appropriate
- Information regarding which weekdays you are likely to be available for delivery
- Interview availability

Please email your applications, headed "Monmouth Comp Creative Practitioner Application" to Alex Rees, Creative Agent – [alexjrees99@gmail.com](mailto:alexjrees99@gmail.com) no later than **Thurs 25th April**. Also feel free to ask questions before applying.