

## Cultural Education Partnership Newsletter

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### **Are you connected to your local Creative Schools Network?**

The Mighty Creatives are working with 8 schools across the East Midlands to host Creative Schools Networks for their local area.

Termly network meetings provide an opportunity for schools and teachers to connect, share best practice around arts and cultural provision, access Continuing Professional Development and gain updates on policy development and funding opportunities. The networks are also supported to develop Arts Award programmes and begin their Artsmark journey. Places are free and any school in the East Midlands is welcome to attend.

It's vital that the education and cultural sectors are able to come together to identify new, or existing, opportunities for collaboration and shared learning.

Connecting with your Creative Schools Network could support you to:

- build relationships with your local schools
- programme a more effective cultural offer in your area
- gain valuable insight into the needs of the education sector

There are several ways for Cultural Education Partnerships to connect with their local Creative Schools Network. You may wish to join a meeting, present on your work or begin a conversation to support the cross-sector collaboration which is fundamental to Cultural Education Partnerships. Get connected today by contacting [Amy Halls](#), Development Manager, The Mighty Creatives.



Pupils from North Kesteven School performing a Drama project, undertaken as part of their Artsmark Award

## Partner updates

### **Become a member of Leicester/shire's Cultural Education Partnership, The City Classroom**

Established as a pilot partnership in 2014, The City Classroom is now collaboratively producing an annual programme of activity and conferences, which started in March 2016.

Becoming a member offers a range of benefits including access to professional development, conferences, networking opportunities and partnership branding. The City Classroom could also support you with Artsmark and Arts Award.

To sign up as a member please contact [classroom@thesparkarts.co.uk](mailto:classroom@thesparkarts.co.uk).

### **Artsmark benefits 1 million children in England!**

Since re-launching in October 2015, Artsmark has now reached 1 million pupils in 2,500 schools across England. The Artsmark award supports schools and teachers to plan, develop and evaluate high quality arts and cultural education within a broad and balanced curriculum. Get in touch with our Artsmark Manager, [Hazel Townsend](#), to find out how your organisation can get involved with Artsmark.

## News

- The 2017 [Social Mobility Report](#) has been released: Social Mobility, the Class Pay Gap and Intergenerational Worklessness. Utilising new background questions from the Labour Force Survey, this report "provides the most comprehensive analysis of social mobility to-date".
- "Libraries can have a critical role in helping people to realise their potential". [Ambition for Public Libraries in England 2016 to 2021](#), read the report from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.
- RSA announce first UK City of Learning Pilot will launch in 2017. The accompanying report, [A Place for Learning](#), sets out how a city could be transformed into a place which puts lifelong learning at the heart of its culture.
- Children's Commissioner publishes [Growing up Digital](#) report, January 2017, asking for step change in how we prepare children for digital life.

### **Sign up to The Mighty Creatives**

**Join the conversation on Twitter @MightyCreatives**

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### **Congratulations to all award winners and nominees for the Be Mighty, Be Creative Gala Awards Night**

Held on 2 March, the Gala Awards Night provided a great opportunity to bring together the cultural, education and business sectors to celebrate the creative work happening in the East Midlands. Leicester/shire's Cultural Education Partnership, The City Classroom, were awarded the Partnership Working Award. Other winners included Bourne Westfield Primary Academy, Dance4, Plus One (Derby Theatre), Jordan Singh and BeScience STEM. See our latest [news update](#) for more details.

### **Emerge: Open Call for artists aged 18 – 30**

*Emerge* is a regional programme of one-day festivals led by young people in the heart of local communities. The festivals are overseen by a commissioned young artist in partnership with schools and community organisations, allowing young people to take the lead on planning, programming and producing the event. See [here](#) for more details and to apply.



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