

Media Release

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Celebrating Creative Champions – arts in education

The importance of the arts and creative education will be highlighted this week at ‘Championing the Arts and Culture – Creative Connections’, an event which marks the culmination of the Creative Learning Networks project, managed by Children in Scotland in partnership with Creative Scotland.

The day will offer arts professionals and practitioners a useful opportunity to network, exchange and discuss creative practice in relation to children, young people and *Curriculum for Excellence*.

Contributors at the event will include Joan Parr, Portfolio Manager for Education, Learning and Young People, with Creative Scotland and Victoria Pagan, Principal Consultant, ERS Research & Consultancy, who will be reporting on the findings of the national evaluation of Creative Learning Networks. Those attending will also hear presentations from local authorities on the development of their Creative Learning Networks, and have access to an Arts Marketplace with information from arts and cultural organisations.

Iain Munro, Director of Creative Development, Creative Scotland said:
“Creative Scotland is delighted to welcome guests to this Creative Learning event. We want to see Scotland recognised as a nation where the arts and creativity play a central part in the lives, education and well-being of our population. These events help strengthen the networks between people that are so vital to delivering high quality and enjoyable learning experiences for young people across Scotland.”

Notes to Editors

1. 'Championing the Arts and Culture – Creative Connections' will take place on Friday 25 March, at The Hub, Edinburgh, 9-2.45pm.
2. **Children in Scotland** is the longstanding national agency for the whole of the children's sector, reaching over 250,000 individuals through our extensive membership of more than 450 statutory agencies, voluntary sector organisations, professional associations and community groups. For further information visit www.childreninscotland.org.uk.
3. Creative Scotland is the new national leader for Scotland's arts, screen and creative industries. For further information visit www.creativescotland.com

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