



Teachers and Creative Agents at the NNF Teachers' Conference June 2010

Take the next step in your teaching career: New Post-Graduate Award in Continuing Professional Development (Creative Learning) in partnership with UEA



If you are or have been a Creative Partnerships School Co-ordinator, a teacher in a CP school or a Creative Agent in Norfolk, you can bank the commitment you have already shown through the Creative Partnerships programme as accredited prior learning and take advantage of this excellent part-funded opportunity to receive a postgraduate qualification in Continuing Professional Development (creative learning).

Increased bursaries now available: 10 x 50% bursaries now available towards course costs

About the course

Norfolk & Norwich Festival is committed to supporting professional development and career progression by offering CPD opportunities to all partners involved in Creative Partnerships (CP). In partnership with the School of Education & Lifelong Learning, at UEA, we have developed a Postgraduate Award in Continuing

Professional Development (Creative Learning). The Postgraduate Award is designed for all current and previous CP School Coordinators in Norfolk, to use their professional experience on the Creative Partnerships programme to gain the award.

What are the benefits for teachers and schools?

Gaining the Postgraduate Award provides valuable recognition of commitment to the CP programme and equips teachers of any level with transferable career progression skills. The Award can help teachers cross Professional Standards thresholds aiming towards both Excellent and Advanced Skills Teachers status or proceed into Leadership or Management. (Professional Standards as outlined by the TDA www.tda.gov.uk).

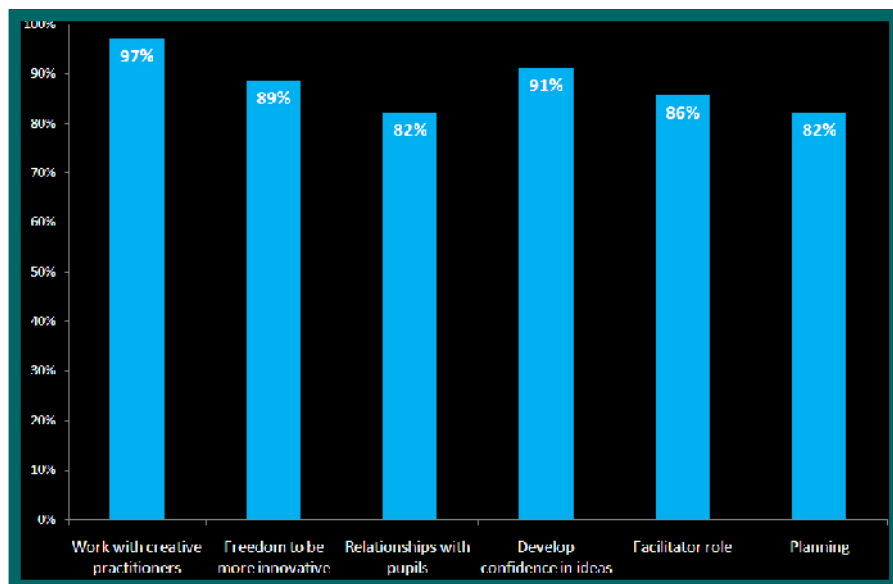
In an independent survey of Norfolk Creative Partnerships schools, head teachers stated that CP had contributed to addressing CPD goals for their staff such as confidence and creative teaching approaches.

97% of schools surveyed noticed improved

understanding of the role of culture and creativity in education among staff.

Ofsted also recognises the benefit of CP, noting selected Norfolk CP schools as having and developing an ethos of creativity.

The graph below shows the percentage of CP Norfolk schools reporting a positive impact on their staff.



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Funding Support

NNF empathises with the constraints and the unknowns schools are currently dealing with. Therefore, NNF is offering 10 bursaries to cover 50% of the cost of the fees. Current CP Schools can also look to fund the award from their CP budget.

How do I gain the qualification?

You will engage with a 30 credit Research Project Module. This will involve six fortnightly early-evening taught sessions at the University and completion of a 6,000-word project on a topic connected to your professional practice in relation to creative learning. Projects will be submitted in July 2011.

You will be entitled to the remaining 30 credits through evidence of prior learning (APL) known as Accredited Prior Learning. You will be able to submit documents that you will be producing or have previously produced on the CP programme, as a valid submission. (Project Planning Forms, Evaluation Forms and Project End Forms) along with a 1,000 word reflective element highlighting the value this has had for your professional and personal development.

This is a 60 credit award, complete in itself but can also provide building block towards a Master's degree (180 credits).

Applications

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the award further please contact Jade Trendall:

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The following background information can be downloaded at www.nnfestival.org.uk/creative-learning.ice:

- Fees and bursary information
- Bursary booking form
- Research module information

To apply please complete the application form that can be found [here: http://www.uea.ac.uk/contedu/applicationformueacreativepartnership](http://www.uea.ac.uk/contedu/applicationformueacreativepartnership) before Monday 29 November 2010. Successful applicants will be notified by 17 December 2010.



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