

### Learning Links

Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts

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Learning Links is a professional development programme funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The programme aims to build the capacity of museums and archives to provide quality experiences for all children and young people.

Learning Links supports reciprocal placements between staff in museums and archives and professionals who work with children and young people. Participants are given the opportunity to experience each others work and environments in order to initiate, build and sustain learning partnerships. All teacher supply cover and staff backfill expenses are covered by the funding from DCMS & DCSF. There is no cost to the school.

Strategic Commissioning provides excellent opportunities for staff to realise the potential of museums and archives to inspire personal, creative approaches to learning and contribute to the Every Child Matters outcomes. Cultural organisations are in a prime position to support the Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto and help contribute to a wider cultural offer for children and young people.

“This placement allowed me to think freely and creatively...this will have a knock on effect on my teaching.” Early-years teacher involved in Learning Links 08/09

The Sainsbury Centre would like to invite your school to participate in a Learning Links placement over the coming academic year 2009/10. The placement will be for up to 5 days over the year and will be an opportunity to develop links between the museum / archive collections as your organisation. In addition to these days, participants will be expected to attend a workshop day in late September 2009 to start the placement off. All costs related to attending this workshop will be reimbursed.

The Sainsbury Centre would like to use this opportunity to specifically look at the Key Stage 4 and above and work with the school to provide a project that explores an offer for these age groups. Please find out more information about the Sainsbury centre on our website, [www.scva.org.uk](http://www.scva.org.uk).

If you would like additional information about the learning Links Programme or would like to read case studies from previous years, please visit

[www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/commissioning/Learning\\_Links\\_2009-11](http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/commissioning/Learning_Links_2009-11)

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