

Seeking Surrey SEND schools interested in working with Stopgap Dance Company

Stopgap Dance Company and Culture Box Surrey, working in partnership, are seeking expressions of interest from SEND schools who would like to be involved in an exciting creative dance project designed to enable students to achieve Arts Award accreditation.

Project description

This project involves a series of dance workshops taking place at your school, run by Stopgap Dance Company. The design of the project itself is flexible and a key element is that of co-design: the project partners (Culture Box Surrey and Stopgap Dance Company) will meet with you to establish your aims and objectives for the project and then run a pilot workshop at the school where the final project design can be refined. As an example the project could include: the initial meeting, the pilot workshop, a series of half-day workshops and a final CPD session for teachers (or a final session to support your Arts Award documentation), all designed to support your pupils to achieve Arts Award.

When will the project take place?

Workshop dates can be negotiated directly between your school and Stopgap Dance company. It is envisaged that the project design and pilot workshops should be completed **by the end of the summer term 2022** with the full project roll out commencing in the autumn term.

How much does it cost schools?

There is no charge to schools for participation but schools will be expected to demonstrate they have the capacity to ensure the project is successful.

Participating schools must commit to:

- Providing a project facilitator who is either a member of, or who has the clear support of, the school's SLT, and who can liaise with Stopgap Dance
- A member of staff willing to train as an Arts Award Adviser via an online training session
- Attending a pre-project planning meeting (online), and a meeting immediately after the pilot session
- Collaborating with an evaluator who will gather staff and young people's responses to the programme

If we are oversubscribed we will prioritise schools who can best demonstrate their capacity as above, and who are:

- interested in embedding Arts Award accreditation in their school
- registered for Artsmark accreditation for their cultural learning offer

Expressing interest

Interested schools should email an expression of interest (maximum 400 words) to sue.barnard@surreycc.gov.uk , **by Friday 20th May 2022**, outlining:

- How you see the project working in your school
- How you will ensure that the project can be successful (see above)



Project partners

[Stopgap Dance Company](#) is driven by a diverse creative team who uses dance as a movement for change. Our vision is to create an inclusive world where diversity is not just accepted but pursued, a world where no one is limited by prejudice against D/deaf, disabled, or neurodivergent people. Stopgap have been running workshops for children and young people in their school settings since the 1990's. We deliver engaging workshops in primary, secondary and Special Educational Needs and Disability Schools, and these workshops provide brilliant opportunities for children and young people to work with disabled and non-disabled role models.

Culture Box Surrey is a partnership between schools and professional arts organisation in Surrey, facilitated by SCC Surrey Arts. See <https://www.cultureboxsurrey.org.uk/> for more details.