

The New Primary Curriculum - What does it mean for the arts and creativity?

Wednesday 7th October 2009, 10:00 – 13:00
(Tea, Coffee and Croissants available from 9:30)

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In September 2011, a new National Curriculum will be introduced to primary schools. Teachers, and other interested parties, have been consulted at a number of stages on the proposals made by Sir Jim Rose. It is anticipated that only minor changes will be now be made before the new curriculum 'goes live'.

We are therefore anticipating a curriculum that:

- Shares the aim of the recently introduced secondary curriculum, that of enabling children to become:
 - successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve;
 - confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives;
 - responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.
- Is intended to be less prescriptive than the current curriculum - enabling teacher to respond to the particular contexts of their school communities
- Organises learning in six broad areas and encourages links to be made within and between these. 'Understanding the Arts' is one of the areas.
- Presents literacy, numeracy, ICT and personal development as sitting at its core. The framework for personal development encompasses:
 - Learning and thinking skills
 - Personal and emotional skills
 - Social skills

William Shrewsbury Primary School from Staffordshire will reflect on a recent whole school, cross-arts project in which pupils were planning partners. They will consider how the experience will shape the schools' approach to the new curriculum.

Pat Cochrane, CEO of CapeUK and Creativity Adviser to the DCSF will then facilitate a discussion on the ways in which the new curriculum will enable pupils, and those who work with them, to develop and apply creative behaviours such as making connections, imagining possibilities and taking informed risks.

The event is presented by the Arts Learning Consortium in partnership with the Cultural Offer Regional Development Group and MLA. Lunch will be provided.



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