

Tees Valley Creative Learning Partnership, (TVCLP) was one of six recipients of the Teacher Development Fund awarded funding from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) in 2018. The project enables the partnership to work with nine schools over a two year period. The Teacher Development Fund is an initiative that supports the delivery of effective arts-based teaching and learning opportunities in the primary classroom, and embeds learning through the arts in the curriculum.

The need for the Teacher Development Fund was identified by independent research and evaluation carried out by the Centre for the Use of Research and Evidence in Education (CUREE). PHF has also been reflecting on learning from The Teacher Development Trust's 'Developing Great Teaching,' (2015) and the Department for Education's 'Standard for Teachers' Professional Development.'

The aim of the project is to improve creative thinking through visual arts and embed it across the curriculum, in Tees Valley primary schools..

The partnership has recruited four artist practitioners to work alongside the nine schools in the Tees Valley. The artists and schools work in collaboratively, in a learning journey, up-skilling the primary teachers in arts delivery initially.

In the second year of the project, as their skills and confidence develops, the teachers will continue to work with the artists.

They team teach art lessons, progressively taking ownership. The teachers are increasingly becoming lead learners of this creative approach and applying it across new areas of the school curriculum. The schools all have individual aims that they would like to achieve for their individual settings through these creative sessions. The school leaders aim to develop the necessary skills, knowledge, confidence and experience to teach non-arts subjects using arts-based approaches. The work is delivered over two academic years.

This website is a final phase of the project to develop the sustainability of the project.

TVCLP is made up of :

Tees Valley Education

The Northern School of Art

Janet Barker

The Start Studio

The Schools who are included in this showcase of creativity, celebrating the work of the primary schools are:

Ash Trees Academy

Bankfields Primary School

Brambles Primary Academy

Discovery Special Academy

Dormanstown Primary Academy

Wilton Primary Academy

Pennyman Primary Academy

Sunnyside Primary

Overfields Primary School

