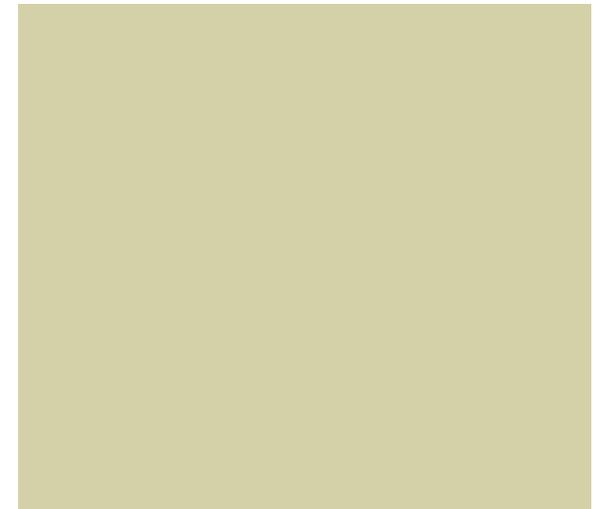


# *Arts-Rich Schools* report

Learning About Culture project

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# Learning About Culture

**£2 million to research the value and impact of arts-based learning**

## **Partners**

Education Endowment Foundation

UCL/BIT

Arts Council England

Department for Education

Foundations: Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Wolfson Foundation, Foyle Foundation

## **Three distinct projects**

Randomised Control Trials of five arts interventions

Evidence Champions Network

Arts-rich schools: what enables and motivates some schools to put the arts at the heart of learning

What enables and motivates some schools to put the arts at the heart of learning?

# Leadership



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Arts-rich schools

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## Strategies

**Giving the arts high status in the school**

**Creating dedicated arts spaces**

**Developing a range of partnerships to facilitate a school's curricular and extra-curricular offer**

**Maintaining curriculum breadth at secondary school**

**Staffing the arts in primary schools**

**Timetabling to put arts at the centre of school life**

**Evidencing impact of arts practice**

# Key questions for schools

## **Arts specialists**

All the schools we visited placed a premium on specialist staff.

What skills and experience in the arts do you already have on your staff team?

## **Spaces**

Spaces often played a central role in the schools' arts offers.

Is there an underutilised space in the school that could be re-purposed?

Are there arts organisations in the local area that could provide spaces or donate equipment?

Is there a governor or other volunteer with industry experience who can help you develop an existing space?

## **Partners and volunteers**

Most of the schools we visited drew on expertise and support from external partners.

Do you already have relationships with arts organisations? If not, do your staff, parents or governors have connections that they can introduce you to?

Have you joined your Local Cultural Education Partnership?

## Learning About Culture

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