

Schools Excellence Fund – Creative Clusters

Application Form – Cluster Application

In applying to participate in this scheme, schools should note that participation will be expected over the duration of the 2018/2019 school year.

Schools should be aware that training for schools in each Creative Cluster is planned to take place at a Regional Training for Creative Cluster Schools in late September 2018. The School Coordinator of the lead school and the nominated representatives (1) from each of the schools in the cluster will be expected to attend. Substitution cover will be provided.

In completing this application form, please ensure that all schools in the cluster contribute to its development.

**The closing date for applications is:
Friday 22 June 2018 to Mayo Education Centre
(see attached Guidelines Document)**

1. General information

1.1 Please provide information on the Lead School in your cluster

School Name	
Roll number Email Address Telephone Number	
Principal	
Nominated representative (1) who will act as Creative Cluster Coordinator	
Telephone Number: Mobile Number Email address	
Other Participating Teachers	

1.2 Please provide information on Participating (Cluster) School 1

School Name	
Roll number Email Address Telephone Number	

Principal	
Teacher (1) representing the school participating in the project	
Telephone Number: Mobile Number Email address	

1.3 Please provide information on Participating (Cluster) School 2

School Name	
Roll number Email Address Telephone Number	
Principal	
Teacher (1) representing the school participating in the project	
Telephone Number: Mobile Number Email address	

1.4 Please provide information on Participating (Cluster) School 3

School Name	
Roll number Email Address Telephone Number	
Principal	
Teacher (1) representing the school participating in the project	
Telephone Number: Mobile Number Email address	

1.5 Please provide information on Participating (Cluster) School 4

Details of Participating (Cluster) School 4	
School Name	
Roll number Email Address Telephone Number	
Principal	
Teacher(1) representing the	

school participating in the project	
Telephone Number: Mobile Number Email address	

2. Your application

In this section we are asking you to tell us why your cluster wants to be involved in the pilot initiative, what benefits you hope to gain from participation, your capacity and commitment and the role children and young people will play in your development as a Creative Cluster. All schools in the cluster should support the development of this application but the lead school must submit it on behalf of all the schools in the cluster.

Your application will be assessed against the criteria outlined in the Creative Cluster 2018 guidelines so please read these and the questions & answers carefully.

2.1 Rationale for application

Please tell us your rationale for applying to be a Creative Cluster. This should be summarised in bullet point format in no more than 50 words.

2.2 Common issues or learning challenges

You should also tell us about your initial ideas of common issues or learning challenges you might want to explore in your project work as a Creative Cluster and why. This should be summarised in bullet point format in no more than 50 words.

2.3 Benefits to teaching and learning

Please tell us how you envisage that participation in Creative Clusters will support improvements in teaching and learning, in the development of the arts and creativity and in areas of the curriculum (500 words maximum).

2.4 Capacity and commitment

Tell us about the capacity and commitment of all the schools in the cluster to participate fully in the Creative Cluster initiative. This includes the extent to which the senior leaders in each of the schools are committed to the cluster and to mobilising their school community to engage and how schools in the cluster, who are at different stages of their journey in using the arts and creativity in the classroom, see themselves supporting each other (500 words maximum).

2.5 Children and Young Peoples Voice

Explain plans for ensuring that children and young people play a central role in developing, implementing and evaluating your Creative Cluster project (500 words maximum).



[insert confirmations and signatures]

Completed applications to be emailed by Friday 22 June 2018 to Mayo Education Centre.