**SEND 50 Year Celebratory Awards**

In April 2021 we shall be celebrating 50 years since children and young people with severe and profound learning disabilities came within the education system in England and Wales. (The Act of 1970 became active in 1971). As part of this celebration David S Stewart, a Trustee of Mighty Creatives, is supporting a number of grants for schools who are interested in developing activities/projects with artists or arts organisations to deliver new creative educational opportunities for their children and young people.

There will be 10 Awards available: 6 awards of £500 and 4 awards of £250.

**What can these awards support?**

The project/activity should allow children and young people to access work with or by professional artists/creative practitioners and should have educational outcomes for the young people involved. This could include supporting artists coming into school to work with students or your students accessing a performance/exhibition/venue.

We are particularly interested in projects/activity that support children and young people with severe and profound learning disabilities and provide opportunities for these children that they would not normally have access to in school. However, applications will be accepted from any SEND school.

We are also looking for projects which celebrate coming out of the pandemic and have a focus on supporting the mental health and wellbeing of students and staff. We are also interested in how the project/activity could support staff learning.

Schools will be asked to share back key outcomes from the project at a regional SEND network event so ideas and learning can be shared with other schools. This network will take place in November 2021. (Date TBC)

Schools should indicate what the grant will be spent on and potential costings in the application form below.

The Mighty Creatives are keen to visit projects/activity to document and celebrate the work were possible.

**Award Criteria**

* Applications will be accepted from any SEND school in the East Midlands.
* We are particularly interested in projects/activity that support children and young people with severe and profound learning disabilities.
* The project/activity should involve creative practitioners or arts organisations and provide children and young people with educational experiences they would not normally have access to.

**Key Timeline and Milestones**

**Deadlines for applications** – 12 noon Tuesday 4th May 2021

**Schools informed of decision** – Friday 7th May 2021

**Project activity should aim to be completed by end of summer term 2021.** However, we are aware that there is still significant uncertainty and we are open to extending projects if needed.

**Interested?**

Please complete the application form below outlining your project proposal including expected outcomes for your children and young people, and send it to [Artsmark@themightycreatives.com](mailto:Artsmark@themightycreatives.com) by 12 noon 4th May 2021.

If you have any questions during the application process, please contact Hazel Townsend. Email: [artsmark@themightycreatives.com](mailto:artsmark@themightycreatives.com) or phone: 07725 660525

**Application form**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **School:**  **Address:**  **Contact Email:**  **Phone:** |  |
| **Please indicate which award amount you are applying for** | £250 grant  £500 grant |
| **Dates of activity:** | Start date:  End date: |
| 1. **Have you been funded previously by The Mighty Creatives? If so, please provide details of when and for what.** | |
| 1. **Tell us how you will use this funding and how it will benefit your children and young people?** *Please consider the criteria above when responding to this question and include details of the timescale for your chosen activity.* | |
| 1. **Which group/s of pupils and staff would take part in the project/activity?** | |

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| **Please provide an outline of how you anticipate you will spend your grant below:**  **Please add any in-kind or match funding supporting this project.** |
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| We understand that successful schools will be required to take part in an evaluation of the project and provide TMC with anonymous participant data.  Signed:  Name:  Date:  **Deadline for Applications is 12 noon 4th May 2021** |
| **We want to stay in touch…**  We like to keep in contact with the individuals and organisations we connect with, this helps us grow as a charity and improve our work for children and young people.  Our marketing is predominantly informative and not excessive; however, should you wish to adjust the frequency of our contact with you, you can do so at any time.    The data you provide will be retained by The Mighty Creatives (the ‘data holders’) in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and related legislation.  By providing your data to us, you are consenting to the data holders making contact with you in the future by telephone, email or other means.  Your data will not be sold and will not be given to anyone not connected to The Mighty Creatives.    If you would like more information about our data protection policy, please visit our terms and conditions pages on our website.   * I give permission for The Mighty Creatives to contact me with future details and opportunities   (Name)…………………………………………….(Date)………………………………… |

**Once complete please email your application to:** [**artsmark@themightycreatives.com**](mailto:artsmark@themightycreatives.com) **by 12 noon 4th May 2021**