

# **Creative Learning**

**for  
Schools,  
Post-16 &  
Groups**

# Early Years

**Our sessions take a hands on, sensory and child-centred approach to engaging with art. They place emphasis on play and exploration; active learning; and creating and thinking critically.**

## Scout About

Explore the exhibition and give your Early Years group a unique experience of playing with works of art and architecture. Facilitated by a Learning Scout.

**COST** £105

**DURATION** 1 hr

**AVAILABILITY** Mondays

## Enquiring Minds

Investigate media and materials in unusual ways with an artist. Great for physical development, imagination and learning about properties of materials.

**COST** £180

**DURATION** 1 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Mondays

## Art Worlds

Come on a sensory adventure as our learning studio is transformed into a laboratory of light, sound, colour, texture and scale. Explore why things happen and how things work. Facilitated by an artist.

**COST** £180

**DURATION** 1 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Monday, Wednesday

## Expedition: Campbell Park

Journey with an artist to explore art in the great outdoors. Become curious about nature, discover public artworks and learn about Milton Keynes' green spaces.

**COST** £180

**DURATION** 1 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Monday, Wednesday

## IN YOUR SCHOOL OR SETTING

### Start the Art: Artists in Early Years

Experience new arts forms, find original ways to use materials and discover imaginative ways to express thoughts and ideas. Working alongside an artist in your school will open up new dimensions to cross curricular, creative learning.

**COST** £600

**DURATION** 3 x 2 ½ hr sessions **plus** a celebratory school assembly

**AVAILABILITY** Monday – Friday, during school hours **or** as an afterschool club

**All Early Years sessions are available for groups of approx. 32 pupils / 1 class. It may be possible to split the duration of a session to accommodate more than one class.**



# Primary

**Our sessions take a dynamic, cross curricular and enquiry-led approach to creative learning. They're designed to support playful investigation and exploration; risk taking and experimentation; questioning; and critical thinking.**

## Scout About

An exhibition tour with a difference! Objects, games and movement will pique curiosity and encourage pupils to think anew about art and the world around them. Facilitated by a Learning Scout.

**COST** £105

**DURATION** 1 hr

**AVAILABILITY** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

## Enquiring Minds

Celebrate your pupils as artists with an art session in our learning studio – they'll develop their own ideas and make links to the work of others. Great for developing a range of artistic skills, building confidence, and boosting self-esteem in this subject area. Facilitated by an artist.

**COST** £220

**DURATION** 2 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

*I [feel] happier now in art because there's not just one or two ways to do [art] – there's, like, thousands of ways!*  
**YEAR 4 PUPIL**

*[My pupil] is naturally a very shy child. He very rarely contributes to class discussions and closes up if a teacher asks him a question in front of the class. [He] has been so inspired and engaged by the project that he actively contributed to a class assembly, in front of the whole school... it was so lovely to watch his confidence blossom.*  
**YEAR 3/4 TEACHER**



## Expedition: Campbell Park

Journey with an artist to explore art in the great outdoors. Become curious about nature, discover public artworks and learn about Milton Keynes' green spaces. Develops cross curricular skills in observation, investigation, exploration and questioning.

**COST** £180

**DURATION** 1 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

## IN YOUR SCHOOL OR SETTING

### Artist micro-residencies

Working alongside an artist in your school, over 3 **or** 4 sessions, your class will develop and lead an arts activity that other groups in your school can take part in. Plus, achieve Arts Award Discover or Explore - arts qualifications accredited by Trinity College London.

**COST** From £600 (excluding Arts Award)

**DURATION** 3 **or** 4 x 2 ½ hr sessions **plus** a celebratory school assembly

**AVAILABILITY** Monday – Friday, during school hours **or** as an afterschool club

**All Primary sessions are available for groups of approx. 32 pupils / 1 class. It may be possible to split the duration of a session to accommodate more than one class.**

# Secondary & Post-16

**Our sessions aim to challenge and stretch pupils' thinking about contemporary arts practice. We celebrate unpredictability and actively plan for experimentation and risk taking with ideas, materials and processes.**

## Scout About

Turn art analysis on its head and explore new ways of thinking about art with a dynamic, enquiry-led exhibition tour. Great for developing visual literacy. Suitable for Key Stages 3, 4 or 5. Facilitated by a Learning Scout.

**COST** £105

**DURATION** 1 hr

**AVAILABILITY** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

## D-b8

Encourages public speaking and debating skills through talking about art. Develops oracy skills and is suitable for Key Stages 3, 4 or 5. Facilitated by a Learning Scout.

**COST** £135

**DURATION** 1 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday



## Enquiring Minds

Work alongside an artist and become unrestrained in experimenting with materials, creative processes or exhibition themes. Great for developing a range of artistic skills and confidence building. Suitable for Key Stages 3, 4 or 5.

**COST** £220

**DURATION** 2 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

## IN YOUR SCHOOL OR SETTING

### Artist micro-residencies

Working alongside an artist in your school over 6 sessions, your class will develop and lead an arts activity that other groups in your school can take part in. Plus achieve Bronze Arts Award (Level 1 Award in the Arts) accredited by Trinity College London.

**COST** £900 + £24 per pupil completing Arts Award Bronze.

**DURATION** 6 x 2 ½ hr sessions **plus** celebratory school assembly

**AVAILABILITY** Monday – Friday, during school hours **or** as an afterschool club



**All Secondary sessions are available for groups of approx. 32 pupils / 1 class. It may be possible to split the duration of a session to accommodate more than one class.**



# SEND (EYFS & Key Stages 1-5)

**Playful and stimulating artistic experiences are designed to be fully flexible, accessible and personalised for pupils with additional or complex needs.**

**From welcome packs to break out spaces, we'll find out what you and your pupils need to have the best possible experience with us. Facilities onsite include a Changing Places Toilet and we can provide resources to support transitions, calming, concentration and communication.**

## Sensory Scout About

Explore the exhibition whilst it's closed to the general public and give your group a unique sensory experience of playing with works of art and architecture. Facilitated by a Learning Scout.

**COST** £105

**DURATION** 1 hr

**AVAILABILITY** Mondays

## Enquiring Minds

A hands on, studio based session which celebrates your group as capable young artists whatever their needs. Provides inspiring and stimulating opportunities for decision making and tactile investigations of materials and processes. Facilitated by an artist.

**COST** £180

**DURATION** 1 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Mondays



## Art Worlds

Enter into an immersive space as our learning studio is transformed into a laboratory for the senses. Light, sound, scale, colour and texture will stimulate and offer exciting challenge.

**COST** £180

**DURATION** 1 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Monday, Wednesday

## Expedition: Campbell Park

Journey with an artist, at your pace, to Campbell Park where your group will explore art in the great outdoors.

**COST** £180

**DURATION** 1 ½ hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Monday, Wednesday

## IN YOUR SCHOOL OR SETTING

### Artist micro-residencies

Experience new arts forms, find original ways to use materials and discover imaginative ways to express thoughts and ideas. Working alongside an artist in your school will open up new dimensions to creative learning and exploration. Plus, achieve an Arts Award – an arts qualification accredited by Trinity College London.

**COST** From £600 (excluding Arts Award)

**DURATION** 3, 4 or 6 x 2 ½ hr sessions **plus** celebratory school assembly

**AVAILABILITY** Monday – Friday, during school hours or as an afterschool club

**All sessions for SEND groups are suitable for groups of approx. 16 pupils / 1 class. It may be possible to split the duration of a session to accommodate more than one class.**

# Post-16 & Higher Education

**Our programme for post-16 education encourages a continued sense of curiosity; opportunities for experimenting and risk taking; and active participation.**

## ARTiculation Discovery Days

ARTiculation Discovery Days are designed to develop and support Key Stage 5 pupils' understanding and engagement with art through research and public speaking. Organised in collaboration with The Roche Court Educational Trust. Dates are announced annually and are free to attend.

## Platform Graduate Award

The Platform Graduate Award supports emerging graduate artistic talent to further their practice following graduation. Each year, final year students from regional universities are selected to take part

in a group exhibition in MK Gallery's Project Space. From this, one student is selected to represent the South East region and be in with a chance of winning the Platform Graduate Award.

## Volunteering at MK Gallery

Your pupils can gain valuable experience in a creative environment, develop new skills and become a valued member of a team of volunteers and professionals who are passionate about the arts. Pupils can give just one minute or provide help on a regular basis. To find out more, visit [www.mkgallery.org](http://www.mkgallery.org).



# Whole School Development

**We work closely with schools to broaden horizons, challenge stereotypes and raise aspirations for arts participation and creative futures. Together, we explore and disseminate best practice related to creative pedagogies and approaches to embedding arts and culture within the curriculum.**

## Work together with us

Schools of Thought is MK Gallery's school partnership programme which works together with Artsmark schools to test, develop and drive forward innovative and impactful approaches to creative learning. Benefits include discounted CPD and free opportunities for your families to become an MK Gallery Family-in-Residence. Free to join.

## Enrich your pupils

Invite us in for a chat! A free, school assembly will help pupils of all ages learn about the wide range of creative and cultural activities on offer to them. We also aim to develop awareness of creative and cultural careers through supporting careers fairs, talks and other enrichment opportunities.



## Creative Professional Development

Spark thinking about creative teaching and learning; find out about resources available to your school; explore and develop creative pedagogies. From free, staff meeting talks to full INSET days – we can work with teachers and senior leaders to widen their curriculum and embed cross-curricular, creative learning.

## Engage families

*Start the Art* (for families with under 5s) is perfect for exploring the joys of art through a range of multi-sensory activities whilst *Creative Communities* creates a relaxed environment to help families make, do and bond.

**COST** From £120

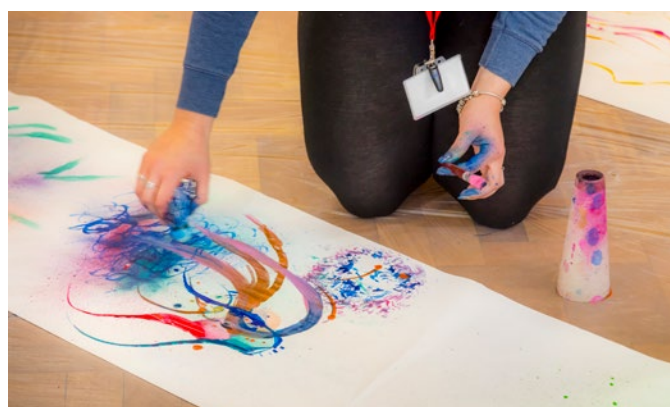
**DURATION** From 1 hr

**AVAILABILITY** Monday – Sunday

*You have  
nourished the  
seeds of artistic  
creativity in my  
children.*  
PARENT

*It was fantastic to have  
artists in school. Their  
enthusiasm and passion  
created a buzz amongst  
pupils and staff alike,  
engaging everyone with  
exciting, inspiring projects.*  
SEND TEACHER

*The teachers have become very  
creative with their lesson ideas and  
this has had an impact across the  
whole curriculum. Observations of  
these new and exciting challenges  
have shown excitement and  
enthusiasm from the children...  
As an experienced teacher and  
senior leader of the school, [the]  
training has allowed myself to  
develop my own teaching practice.*  
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER





# Home Education & Other Groups

Our programme is perfectly adaptable for home education groups and other groups e.g. Brownies or Cubs. An *Expedition* offers outdoor adventure whilst *Scout About*, *Enquiring Minds* and *Art Worlds* let children play with a host of creative possibilities in the galleries or studio.

Select any session for Early Years, Primary, Secondary or SEND groups and we'll tailor it to you for a playful and memorable experience. Additionally, you can choose from any experience below.

## Start the Art: Out & About

Designed for groups with under 5s to take part in together, in their own setting. Perfect for exploring the joys of art through a range of multi-sensory activities, including painting, drawing and mark-making. Also available at MK Gallery. Watch a video about *Start the Art: Out & About* here.

**COST** £120 (one session) or £500 (5 sessions)

**DURATION** 1 hr per session

**AVAILABILITY** Monday – Sunday

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS** up to 30 participants

## Creative Communities

Invite an artist into your setting to create a relaxed and inspiring environment in which your group will have fun making, doing and bonding. These artist-led sessions can also be designed to enhance any community event.

**COST** From £220 for up to 300 participants

**DURATION** 2 hrs

**AVAILABILITY** Monday – Sunday

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS** variable

## Family-in-Residence

Perfect for home educating families who would like to work with an artist to explore their creative interests. As a Family-in-Residence, your family will be supported by an MK Gallery Associate Artist over three months as you have fun imagining, experimenting and testing new ideas, materials and processes. At the end, you'll commission your artist to put on an event – inspired by your ideas – for your friends and other families to enjoy.

**COST** FREE

**DURATION** 3 X 2 ½ hour sessions per family, over 3 months

**AVAILABILITY** Ongoing, subject to availability





# About

**MK Gallery has five spectacular exhibition galleries, a flexible auditorium, a community and learning studio, a café and a shop. We have an artist designed playscape and gardens which can be used for play and outdoor activities. School and public programmes run throughout the year. Creative experiences onsite are designed with exhibition themes in mind.**

**For further information about the creative sessions we offer and to find out what the exhibition will be during your time with us, visit [www.mkgallery.org](http://www.mkgallery.org).**

## **Self-guided visits**

If you wish to book a free self-guided visit, you can arrange a short telephone consultation with a member of our Learning Team to help you prepare.

## **How to book**

All group visits, including self-guided visits, must be booked in advance. For further information and to enquire about booking, visit [www.mkgallery.org](http://www.mkgallery.org). Alternatively, contact MK Gallery's Learning Team: [learning@mkgallery.org](mailto:learning@mkgallery.org) / 01908 676900.



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