

Leading the Arts 2026/27

Application Form Questions

Leading the Arts in Your School is a modular arts leadership programme for teachers who wish to develop their school's arts and cultural offer. Our tried and tested programme is designed for early to mid-career teaching staff - in any education setting or phase - with ambition and drive to develop a whole school approach to arts and culture, and to make a real difference for the children they teach.

This course is a particularly useful development opportunity for schools that are considering or undertaking the Artsmark Award, or for those that are running or interested in offering Arts Award, as it supports and builds on the ethos and values of these programmes.

The cost of the course is **heavily subsidised** at £660 per delegate. Payment details will be required before your place can be confirmed, if your application has been successful.

To apply, please complete all questions on this form. It's important that you provide detailed answers for questions 10-12, so we can understand how this course will support your personal development and the strategic development of arts and cultural education across your setting.

We will be running 2 cohorts of Leading the Arts between 2026 and 2027. Please ensure you select the relevant course dates you would like to join.

- The deadline for receipt of applications for Cohort 1 is: **13/10/25**.
- The deadline for receipt of applications for Cohort 2 is: **08/06/26**.

Applications will be reviewed and assessed on a rolling basis, and successful participants will be notified as applications are received.

1. Name of applicant:
2. Email address:
3. School name and full address:

4. Phone number:
5. School phase/type:
6. Job title:
7. Is your school an Artsmark school?
8. If yes, what Artsmark level does your school hold?
9. Are you an Arts Award centre?
10. Are there any areas of arts and cultural of particular interest to you?
11. Why is this the right time for you to be taking part in this development programme?
Please aim for your answer to be around 200 words. Sufficient detail is required to help us understand whether this course is a good fit for you at this time.
12. What is the change you would like to see across your setting as a result of attending this course?
Please aim for your answer to be around 200 words. Sufficient detail is required to help us understand the potential impact of this programme on your school.

Information about your Headteacher

Leading the Arts in Your School aims to support you to embed Cultural Education across your setting. To do this successfully you will need support from your headteacher. Please share their details here:

13. Headteacher's name:

14. Headteacher's email address:

Course Dates

This course is delivered through a combination of both in-person and online learning, specifically designed to offer more flexibility to busy teachers.

Cohort 1 Jan - June 2026:

- Induction - 14/01/2026, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Module 1 Meeting - 22/01/26, 09:15 - 15:45 (in-person, Liverpool)
- Children & Young People's Voice Themed Session - 05/02/26, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Creative Health Themed Session - 05/03/26, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Module 2 Meeting - 19/03/26, 9:15 – 15:45 (in-person, Contact, Manchester)
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Themed Session - 15/04/26, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Meet the Organisations Themed Session - 29/04/26, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Careers & Employability Themed Session - 11/06/26, 13:00 -15:00 (via Zoom)
- Module 3 Meeting - 25/06/26, 9:15 - 15:45 (in-person, The Storey, Lancaster)

Cohort 2 Sep 2026 - Mar 2027:

- Induction - 30/09/26, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Module 1 Meeting - 15/10/26, 09:15 - 15:45 (in-person, location TBC)
- Children & Young People's Voice Themed Session - 11/11/26, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Creative Health Themed Session - 25/11/26, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Themed Session - 07/01/27, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Module 2 Meeting - 21/01/27, 09:15 - 15:45 (in-person, location TBC)
- Meet the Organisations Themed Session - 03/02/27, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Careers & Employability Themed Session - 25/02/27, 13:00 - 15:00 (via Zoom)
- Module 3 Meeting - 11/03/27, 09:15 - 15:45 (in-person, location TBC)

Please note:

Successful candidates will be required to provide the following information prior to attending the induction session:

- Attendance agreement from the headteacher

- Contact details of the finance manager and purchase order number for invoicing purposes

Successful completion of this course requires delegates to attend all course sessions and complete associated gap tasks.

15. Please confirm which cohort of Leading the Arts you would like to apply for:

Cohort 1: January - June 2026 ☐

Cohort 2: September 2026 - March 2027 ☐

16. I am aware of the above course dates am able to attend.

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Inclusion Survey

Curious Minds is committed to making our work, and our sector, more equal. To do this we need to understand who we are and aren't reaching. The only way for us to know is to ask you to complete an inclusion survey. This survey is completely anonymous and separate from your application form. We will not be able to identify your individual answers.

Please complete the Inclusion Survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/DKN89HRH6G> (the link will open in a separate window).

You may now complete submission of your application form by emailing your form to lta@curiousminds.org.uk