



Call Out for Creative Practitioners Teacher Artist Partnership+ 2025/26

Announcing a wonderful opportunity for creative practitioners of all disciplines to broaden their practice through Teacher Artist Partnership+ (TAP+) professional development and in-school residency programme. Closing date for expression of interest Friday 6th June 2025.

Develop creative partnerships with teachers and children. Receive funded training and residencies that bring the arts and creativity to children all over Ireland through TAP+, an initiative of Creative Youth 2023-27 under Creative Ireland and led by the Department of Education.

TAP+ Overview

- TAP+ Summer Course running 1st to 5th July 2025 through Sligo Education Centre
 - Fully paid training to support creative practitioners to work in primary and special schools
- TAP+ In-school Residencies
 - Bringing learning into practice through creative partnership with teachers and children
 - Funded 20-hour residencies in the school year 2025/26
 - Access to the BLAST register of creative practitioners to deliver in-school residencies

TAP+ Details

- Open to creative practitioners, working in any art form, discipline or creative practice (examples: boat maker, jeweller, computer programmer, horticulturist, engineer, drama, musician, etc), who are committed to **sharing their practice** with children and teachers in primary and special schools
- **Training 1st - 5th July 2025** through **Sligo Education Centre** (www.ecsligo.ie) (to facilitate creative practitioners and collaborating teachers to work in creative partnerships with children.
- **Training allowance** of €150 per day over the 5-day summer course training (€750 in total), plus travel and lunch provided.
- **Professional development through partnerships and creative, collaborative relationships** with teachers, in schools committed to the arts and creativity in learning, practice and community.



- Guarantee of **paid, follow up in-school residency** within a local primary or special school (€1,100 Fee total inclusive of €200 Travel) to carry out a 20-hour residency (14 contact hours plus 6 hours planning, preparation and evaluation) in partnership with your teacher partner in the school year 2025/2026.
- Creative Practitioners must complete TAP+ in-school residencies following participation on the TAP+ Summer Course.
- TAP+ trained creative practitioners are also eligible to participate in BLAST in-school residencies. We invite successful TAP+ creative practitioners to join the BLAST register and where possible to deliver BLAST residencies. See here for further details: [BLAST information](#)
- Information, learning and **networking opportunities** for further freelance work within the education system.

Artists / Creative Practitioners must

- Have a track record of a **minimum of 3 years' professional practice** in any form/creative practice
- Be willing to learn about classroom culture and to work in **equal partnership** with teachers and children
- Combine a sense of **fun, joy and collaboration** with **professional dedication** and high **artistic/creative vision**
- Be willing to undertake **child protection training** as part of the induction week, and undergo standard Garda vetting before taking up project placements.

Artists/Creative Practitioners apply for TAP+ by clicking on the link to the online form no later than 5pm Friday 6th June 2025.



Places on this Creative Youth initiative are limited to four Artists/Creative Practitioners per full time Education Centre area. Please ensure that it will be possible for you to meet all the requirements of the programme before applying.

Final decision on offers of places will be taken by Sligo Education Centre. If you have any further queries, please e-mail info@ecsligo.ie