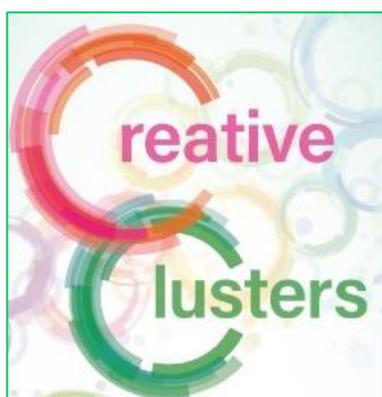


The Department of Education & Skills are pleased to announce that the closing date for receipt of applications for the Creative Clusters Initiative has been extended to **Friday 26th of June 2020**.

Each Creative Cluster will receive grant funding of **€3,000** per school over a two-year period to implement their project in the 2020–2022 school years (e.g. a cluster of 3 schools would receive **€9,000** over two years while a cluster of 5 schools would receive **€15,000** over two years). Clusters will receive 50% of the total grant funding in Year 1, with the second 50% being provided in Year 2. In addition, but separate to the grant funding, all successful clusters are further supported with: A fully paid Creative Cluster Facilitator; paid Teacher Substitution to attend training and meetings; room hire, travel & subsistence.

Please see the following link for more details: [Creative Clusters](#)



- ✚ Schools can apply as part of a cluster which may be an existing network of schools.
- ✚ A school nearing the end of year 2 of an existing Creative Cluster can reapply to be in a new cluster where the other schools in the new cluster have not participated before.
- ✚ Schools nearing the end of 2 years with [Creative Schools](#) are eligible to apply.
- ✚ The local Teacher Education Centre will have a key role in identifying and supporting a Creative Cluster for their local area.
- ✚ A total of 21 Creative Clusters will be selected nationally - One successful Creative Cluster per Education Centre.

Applications should be sent to the local full-time Teacher Education Centre (list at Appendix 1 of Guidelines document on DES website).

Any queries, please contact your local Education Centre or email Arts in Education Administration mairevieux@edcentreralee.ie

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