Are you an aspirational early childhood educator seeking to become highly creative in your teaching practice?

The Creative Teacher™ programme is a rigorous training course designed by Earlyarts, consisting of five modules covering the latest research and best practice in early education and creative pedagogies. This course is designed to transform your learning environment and improve your teaching practice.

Ideal for early years and foundation stage teachers, KS1 or Grade 1 teachers, early years practitioners, nursery professionals, home educators and child carers.

**What will I learn on the course?**

By exploring the characteristics of creative and critical thinkers, understanding how creativity impacts on learning from birth, transforming creative spaces for learning and developing innovative teaching strategies, teachers will build a powerful toolkit to extend learning in key subjects and significantly improve children’s outcomes.
On this course, you can choose any of the following modules:

**Module One: Creative Brains and Bodies**
- How babies’ brains and bodies are formed
- The impact of creativity on early brain development
- The seven pathways through which young children learn
- What happens to babies’ brains when communication breaks down?
- The importance of music, dance, story and drawing in early learning
- The impact of cultural experiences on cognitive, physical, social and emotional development

**Module Two: Creative Play**
- Different play styles and how to spot them
- How to stimulate creative thinking in children’s play
- Understanding Gardener’s Multiple Intelligences in play
- Using open-ended and sensory objects to enhance creativity
- Developing creative spaces for learning through play

**Module Three: Creative Behaviours**
- Understanding children’s negative and positive behaviours
- Scaffolding positive behaviour management through role play
- Understanding children’s basic and more complex needs and what influences their needs
- Using the arts to build independence, mastery and self-regulation
- Conflict resolution for challenging behaviours
- Supporting children with special educational needs or disabilities
- Refining your behaviour management policy

**Module Four: Creative Assessment**
- Can we measure children’s creativity?
- Identifying what creative thinking and learning look like
- Understanding and assessing deeper level learning
- Using Ferre Laevres’ Well Being and Involvement scales
- Observation and documentation of children’s creativity

**Module Five: Creative Communications**
- Understanding attachment and emotional intelligence
- Interpreting non-verbal communications through active listening
- Using story to enhance attachment and shared communications
- Encouraging language development using creative techniques
- Building creative partnerships with parents
- Capturing family learning using Journey Sticks
- Exploring creative communication skills through music
By the end of this course, you will have
- Increased confidence to nurture children's innate creativity
- Increased expertise on why creative pedagogies work
- Inspiration to consider what's possible in any situation
- Ability to meet and exceed your early learning goals
- Competence in observation, documentation and assessment
- A move even closer to outstanding provision

For your children, you will see
- Higher engagement and improved outcomes
- Deeper sense of self-belief and self-worth
- Calmness in working in teams or individually
- Accelerated progression in SEND and PMLD children
- Increased enthusiasm and excitement for learning

What delegates say about our training:

All of your training sessions have been invaluable to my practice and the delivery is excellent. I keep coming back for more! Foundation Phase Teacher, Flying Start, Wales

As we knew it would be, your training has been a huge success in our setting. Everyone who attended went on their own personal journey of discovery in a wonderfully inspiring experience and is now confident to engage families more effectively. Gilly Basildon, Manager, Mini-tots Nursery

Very useful training and high quality ideas which can be implemented immediately in our setting. Very approachable and knowledgeable trainer. The whole concept of identifying different ways to engage with children and encourage their play was brilliant. Sarah White, Foundation Phase teacher

Just wanted to say a huge thank you for this week’s training, I found the experience extremely valuable both as an educator and parent. I’m really looking forward to implementing all I’ve learnt into my Start the Art sessions. Jonny Hill, Early Years Learning Coordinator, MK Gallery

Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed your training. It was so refreshing to hear you confirming what I knew in my heart - think outside the box, nurture curiosity and creativity and foster a love of exploration and free flowing ideas, not only with the children but with the staff team too. Thank you – it’s just what we need to develop an outstanding setting! Teacher, Stockport Early Years Team
Course structure and materials included:

- Training delivered as full day (2 modules), half day / twilight sessions (1 module) in your venue.
- Training materials, background reading and support resources included.
- Assessment Quiz to identify strengths and opportunities in trainees’ skills and knowledge.
- Practical activities in different art-forms to build skills and confidence for using in practice.
- Learning Journal templates to evidence the learning progress for each delegate.
- Certificate of Attendance for each delegate on completion of module or course.

FREE Nurturing Young Children’s Learning collection with each full course!

*Earlyarts’ Nurturing Young Children’s Learning* is a beautiful collection of 20 teaching packs designed to underpin the learning from this course and help put your creative ideas into immediate practice.

Each pack is bursting with fun, creative activities to develop children’s minds and bodies through creative learning and play. *Normal price = £300!!*

‘These beautiful, inspiring and practical books will transform your creative classroom. The box-set is a must-have for all settings out there!’ Head teacher, All Saints Primary School

Course Costs:

£950 + VAT / AED 4,400 per module OR £4,275 + VAT / AED 19,800 for all five modules (includes 10% discount). This includes our senior trainer at your disposal, all materials, frameworks and resources plus all required insurances. Travel and accommodation is payable in addition to the course fees. Max no. delegates = 25 (equivalent to £38 / AED 176 per delegate per module). Groups of settings are welcome to share course costs.

To discuss the Creative Teacher programme, please contact Earlyarts Director, Ruth Churchill Dower, on ruth@earlyarts.co.uk or on skype: earlyartsflyingstarts.