



MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT

ACTION FOR CHILDREN'S ARTS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

ACTION for Children's Arts (ACA) has teamed up with First News and Chickenshed Theatre to campaign for every child in the UK to have access to arts experiences through the Arts Backpack project. Be a part of the campaign by filling in our questionnaire at your school. Find out more below.

WHAT IS ARTS BACKPACK?

Arts Backpack is a project with a mission to ensure that every child in the UK has access to five arts experiences each year before the age of 12. There are a whole range of arts experiences that this could include, such as visiting a museum, a library, the theatre, a concert or a photography exhibition. The important thing is seeing and engaging with different types of art and culture. Some might capture your imagination, others might not be for you, but the ACA (and First News) firmly believe that these experiences broaden your mind, stimulate your senses, improve your mental health and your sense of wellbeing. Just as five portions of fruit and vegetables every day help make your diet healthy, five portions of creative arts experiences make you culturally healthy!



YOUR VOICE COUNTS

To make sure the people in power know how important this is, we want to hear from you! We'd like you to fill in the questionnaire opposite, which is based on questions from young people who are part of inclusive theatre company Chickenshed. Once we have your answers, we can make sure that the people making decisions about arts education – from educators to politicians – take your views on board. We'd love you to do this as a school activity so you can discuss your opinions with your class, but you can also enter from home. All questionnaires received by Friday 7 February will be entered into a prize draw to win **a pack of creative goodies** for your school. Check out all the details, and send your completed questionnaires to the address opposite!



A NOTE FOR YOUR TEACHERS

The questionnaire opposite is A4 size, so it can be photocopied for your class and every child can have their own copy to write down their views. Please send your students' completed questionnaires to **Arts Backpack questionnaire, First News, 7 Playhouse Court, 62 Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 0AT**. Please include your name, your class, school name and school contact details (email address and telephone number).

One lucky school, drawn at random, will win a bumper bundle of stationery, including felt pens, colouring pencils, a fountain pen, pencil case, highlighters, ruler, erasers and so much more.

All questionnaires received by 7 February will be entered into the draw. The draw will take place on 10 February 2020.



School name..... Class / year group.....

- 1. What’s your favourite creative activity to take part in?**
(For example, drawing, playing with clay, making up stories, playing music or doing drama.)

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- 2. How does taking part in creative activities make you feel?**

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- 3. Would you like more opportunities to take part in creative activities at school?**

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- 4. Have you been to see a show or concert, or to visit a gallery or take part in a workshop before?**
Tell us your favourites.

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- 5. If you filled in an answer to question 4, tell us what you enjoyed about these experiences and why.**

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- 6. Before you go on a creative experience like this, what are you looking forward to and what do you want to get out of it?**

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- 7. What do you think the benefits of these creative experiences are?**

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- 8. Is there anything you don’t like about these experiences?**

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- 9. Would you like more opportunities to have cultural experiences outside of school?**
(For example, seeing an orchestra or learning from an expert how to make pottery.)

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- 10. Has anyone inspired you to be more creative?**

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- 11. Do you think there are other things that are creative and should be considered part of the Arts?**
(For example, sports that need creative skill, engineering or computer game development.)

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- 12. What do you think the Arts bring to the world? And what would the world be like without the Arts?**

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Send your completed questionnaires to:

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