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Creative Partner: 'Movement in Expression and Exchange' Creative Partnerships Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire

St Michael's CE (VC) First School, in Stone (north Staffordshire), caters for pupils from a wide variety of backgrounds. We are particularly proud of our friendly family Christian ethos where pupils are given maximum opportunity to succeed.

As a Creative Partnerships Enquiry School, we have a budget of £4000 for project work that will see us co-devise innovative approaches to literacy teaching and learning. With this:-

- We would like to focus on writing as a lifestyle concept ('becoming a writer'), rather than as a technical skill ('learning to write')
- We envisage developing an integrated approach - featuring a minimum of reading, writing, speaking and listening - as a way of stimulating imaginative writing

This project will be devised and delivered with staff and pupils from our two Year 1 classes. In Year 1, we have 20 girls and 40 boys. We would like our project work to feature:-

- Stimulating speaking and listening for children
- Esteem-building experiences for children
- Skills and knowledge transfers between our creative partner and our staff
- Activities that will outlast the project

In pursuit of this, we are seeking to recruit a creative partner to help us devise 'Movement in Expression and Exchange'. **We are open to receiving statements of interest from practitioners from any creative background.**

The practitioner we select will:-

- Be sensitive to the Christian values and ethos that run through the school
- Have the ability to work in partnership (sharing decision-making, facilitating hands-on experience) with children (aged 5-6) and adults in the production of striking creative experiences
- Be able to document and articulate their work
- Have enhanced CRB clearance and Public Liability Insurance for £5million

The £4000 that is available for this work is inclusive of materials and production costs, practitioner fees, and travel and subsistence costs.

We anticipate that project planning will occur during December, with delivery beginning in January 2009.

To apply: Please send statements of interest along with a CV or supporting information about yourself and your practice. These should be marked 'Movement in Expression and Exchange' and should be submitted (ideally by email) by **4pm on Monday 10th November 2008** to:

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Enquiries should be directed to us by email.

Recruitment Timeline:-

Applications: 10th November

Short-listing: 14th November

Interviews: w/c 24th November

Creative Partnerships is the Government's flagship creative learning programme, designed to develop the skills of young people across England, raising their aspirations and achievements, and opening up more opportunities for their futures. This world-leading programme is transforming teaching and learning across the curriculum.