



## Creative Mentoring

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The Mighty Creatives, an award-winning charity, delivers youth services to some of the most underrepresented children and young people in society. With a vision rooted in social justice through arts, culture, and creativity, the organisation is committed to empowering young people facing adversity, disadvantage, and challenges.

Creative Mentoring is The Mighty Creatives' flagship service, **offering one-to-one support for children and young people through a unique, creative intervention model**. It is a person-centred approach that places young people at the heart of the service. The programme is designed to empower participants to explore their sense of self, develop their purpose and belonging, and discover new possibilities for their future.

Trained Creative Mentors—who are both creative practitioners and experienced youth workers—build trusted relationships with mentees. These mentors introduce engaging,

tailored creative activities that promote personal, social, and emotional development, as well as educational achievement. The mentoring process is continually refined through consultations with youth services and young people, ensuring it evolves to meet their needs.

The model was initially pioneered by Derbyshire County Council's Virtual School and The Amber Factory and has since been adapted and enhanced by The Mighty Creatives to support children in care and those most at risk of being not in education, employment, or training (NEET).

Eligible children and young people, aged 5–19, are referred to the Creative Mentoring service through partnerships with local authorities, Virtual Schools, alternative provision settings, CAMHS, cultural organisations, and other youth services. Participants are matched with a Creative Mentor for a set period, typically beginning with an initial intervention of 24 hours or more.

### During this time, Creative Mentors:

- Build trusting relationships with mentees.

- Introduce tailored creative activities aligned with the child's interests.
- Facilitate inspiring experiences to help mentees grow emotionally, socially, and academically.

The service is designed to support children in their personal and educational journeys, helping them achieve positive outcomes in areas where they may face significant challenges.

### Since 2020, the Creative Mentoring programme has:

- Supported nearly 200 children and young people, aged 5–19, across the region.
- Delivered creative interventions to help young people overcome barriers to education and personal development.
- Fostered positive outcomes for care-experienced children, as well as those facing systemic disadvantage.

The programme is funded by organisations such as Children in Need, What Works for Children's Social Care, Foyle Foundation, Arts Council England, and Charities Aid Foundation.

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