

Creative Clusters is a two-year government initiative in Ireland that brings small groups of schools together to work on creative learning projects. It is part of the Creative Youth Plan under the Creative Ireland Programme. We here in Meentogues N.S have joined up with 2 of our neighbouring schools - Hollymount N.S & Gneeveguilla N.S on the project of Sliabh Luachra Murals.

How It Works:

- **Group Size:** Each cluster consists of 3 to 5 educational settings.
- **Participants:** Includes primary schools, post-primary schools, special schools, and YouthReach centres.
- **Duration:** Runs over a sustained two-year period (such as the 2026-2028 cycle).
- **Collaboration:** Schools team up to address a shared learning challenge, issue, or creative theme.

Funding and Support

- **Funding:** Grants of up to €15,000 per cluster are provided to help execute the project (€1,500 per school per year).
- **Expert Help:** Each cluster receives support from a trained specialist facilitator.
- **Resources:** Local full-time Education Support Centres help coordinate and provide release time for teachers to plan and meet.

Program Goals

- Promote new ways for schools to collaborate with the arts and cultural sector.
- Enhance creativity and skills for both teachers and students.
- Improve overall teaching and learning models in classrooms.

