



CREATIVE ISLAND

Six Clubs. One Island. Endless Possibilities.

Join the Isle of Wight National Saturday Club Consortium as a Provider or venue.

Young people on the Isle of Wight have identified the need for greater access to creativity. At the Isle of Wight Youth Trust's Youth Voice Event, they called for more free and affordable creative opportunities, particularly in music and drama, recognising the positive impact on confidence and mental health. Alongside this, they highlighted transport as a significant barrier to accessing activities.

This is reinforced by the 2025 Isle of Wight Mental Health Census of 1,760 young people aged 8–25, which found that 15% of 11–25-year-olds have no trusted adult to talk to, while only 14.5% use art or creativity to support their wellbeing. These findings demonstrate the need to make creative opportunities more accessible and embedded within young people's lives and our invite today is to be part of the solution in reducing the barriers and increasing the opportunity.

National Saturday Club: A national programme with local impact

From the 2026/27 academic year, we are bringing together cultural organisations, artists, creative practitioners and education partners to establish a consortium of **six National Saturday Clubs** in distinct areas across the Isle of Wight.

The intention of this initiative is not to replace or detract from existing provision, but to offer a creative outlet for children who may not ordinarily have access to or are unlikely to engage with opportunities.

National Saturday Club has been delivering free, year-long creative education for 13–16-year-olds since 2009 through universities, colleges and cultural organisations. In 2025/26, the programme includes **129 Clubs** supporting around **2,300 young people** across the UK in subjects ranging from Art & Design and Performance to Film, Fashion, Science and Writing.

The programme is proven to widen participation, with **80% of Club members** having at least one underrepresented characteristic. This Island initiative will equally support our more vulnerable individuals to participate.

Read more about NSC at: <https://saturday-club.org>



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Why an Isle of Wight National Saturday Club Consortium

By working together, we can unlock larger funding opportunities in order to expand free creative provision for young people, and build a multidisciplinary network that shares expertise, resources, and opportunities. Funders are looking for ambitious, collaborative projects that deliver lasting impact and this initiative aligns with this.

We are already working together with a range of organisations that include Creative Island, Youth Trust, Virtual School, the heritage sector, and existing providers Shademakers (Department, Ryde) and StoneCrabs (Quay Arts, Newport).

We would therefore love to work with you to build on this strong network. Together, we can create more opportunities, inspire creativity, and ensure every young person has access to enriching experiences that allow them to thrive.

Becoming a delivery partner or a venue

We invite cultural organisations, artists and creative practitioners to join us as delivery partners to help shape and deliver this ambition. We would also welcome any offers of venues in which to deliver the activity.

Please contact claire@creativeisland.org by the 1st of September and tell us:

Why you would like to be involved in this initiative.

What provision you can deliver and your prior experience working with young people.

Or if offering a venue – Location and what activities may be suitable for the space.

You would be required to: deliver between 20 and 25, 2-to-3-hour sessions during term time, to take place on a Saturday or weekday evening, from January to July 2027. (Clubs are ideally delivered to around 15 participants)

Note: As this is intended as a specialist provision, this activity must be additional to any other funded or paid activity you already deliver.

You will be assigned a budget to cover all time, equipment, venue hire and travel to London twice a year to take part in the NSC National events.

Thanks again for your interest in:

- Inspiring and nurturing the next generation of creative talent.
- Connecting young people with your organisation, spaces and expertise.
- Building relationships with education providers and cultural organisations.
- Becoming part of a respected UK-wide network with access to National Saturday Club resources, professional development and industry connections.
- Working with referral partners to help the young people that need it the most.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.