

The ISTA Young Creative Leadership Programme (IYCLP) offers high school students aged 16+ a unique opportunity to develop and apply their creative leadership skills through real-world experience, reflection, and mentorship.

This powerful service-learning opportunity complements existing school leadership initiatives and supports students in becoming confident, compassionate, and creative change-makers.

Who is IYCLP for?

- High school students aged 16+ who are:
 - Passionate about the arts
 - Curious about leadership
 - Ready to make a difference in your community
- No formal leadership experience required—just a willingness to grow.



Programme Highlights

- ✓ Reflect on your own creative leadership strengths
- ✓ Be mentored by an ISTA expert
- ✓ Take on a leadership role at a Middle School ISTA festival
- ✓ Reflect on how you might continue to use your leadership skills at your school or in your community
- ✓ Receive a certificate to boost university/job applications

How it works

Students begin with a self-audit and proposal outlining how they plan to apply their creative leadership skills. They then meet and plan with their designated ISTA Artist Mentor. They attend the Middle School festival, shadow their appointed artist, assist in planning and leading activities. They submit daily reflections throughout the event;. Two weeks after festival finish, the student completes a final Programme Retrospective and receives the ISTA Young Creative Leader Certificate.

1. Self-audit & proposal
2. Artist Mentor Session
3. Attend an ISTA Middle School festival in a leadership role with ongoing reflection, workshop co planning and delivery
4. Submission of final Exit Reflection
5. Receive your ISTA Young Creative Leader Certificate

How to apply

Teachers request places when booking a Middle School festival. We'll follow up to begin the journey.