

DesignSKILLS 2019

Divergent thinking in the classroom



Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT), in partnership with the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland (DCCol), are delighted to invite schools to submit their application for **DesignSKILLS 2019**, an Arts in Junior Cycle initiative for teachers and students of Junior Cycle Visual Art.

DesignSKILLS is a nationwide post-primary level programme, which aims to support the integration of the principles and key skills which underpin the Framework for Junior Cycle (2015), the Arts in Education Charter, and the Creative Ireland Programme (2017 – 2022), Pillar 1 Creative Youth.

The DesignSKILLS project provides an opportunity for teachers of Visual Art, with their students, to work directly with a designer maker for up to six hours of class contact time.

Junior Cycle Visual Art 'provides the learner with a space within which it is safe to experiment, to fail and to learn'. Through DesignSKILLS, a designer maker will work in partnership with Visual Art teachers and their students to focus on the front end of the design process. The emphasis in DesignSKILLS is on supporting students to engage in divergent thinking; to investigate initial ideas, research, explore, experiment and develop their own ideas through a range of hands-on, practical methodologies and approaches.

Places on the DesignSKILLS programme are limited.

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: Thursday, 30th May 2019 at 3.00pm

In applying to participate in this initiative it is understood that the Visual Art teacher, and school, has familiarised themselves with each section of the online application form on www.jctregistration.ie

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