

Artscaping in Pastoral and SEND Settings

Tuesday 30 April, 4-6pm, Thongsley Fields Primary School

Session Overview

Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination (CCI) will lead a sharing and networking event with an immersive introduction to Artscaping and share learning and best practice from their long-term arts in nature pastoral work delivered in partnership with Cambridge Acorn Project and Thongsley Fields Primary School.

Artscaping is the practice of making art in nature that develops children's curiosity and imagination. Over the course of the session, you will be given time to engage with Artscaping as a learner. You will take part in creative warm-ups and prompts that encourage you to slow down, connect with yourself, your imagination and the environment around you. Working with natural, found materials and objects, you will develop ideas for how you might engage with your school environment and local landscapes in new ways.

CCI will share the growing evidence from recent programmes that researched the impact of Artscaping on children's wellbeing, and artists, therapists and teachers will share their experiences from the pastoral work that has taken place at Thongsley Fields. Reflection and discussion time will provide the chance to network and share ideas with colleagues from across Cambridgeshire.

Learning Outcomes

- To consider the impact creativity and nature connectedness can play in supporting good mental health for children and young people
- To develop confidence in delivering art in nature activities in pastoral and SEND settings
- To connect with and learn from colleagues working in education.

What is Included

- Free networking event, funded by Public Health
- Art Materials and CCI training resource pack provided
- Refreshments and cake provided

Testimonials

Having a personal experience as an Artscaper alongside the theory was really beneficial: I could feel as well as believe how powerful Artscaping is.

It was fantastic to take part in activities outdoors, which helped with creativity and thinking about how this could apply back at school.

How to book

Spaces limited: Please contact Ruth Sapsed to book – with the subject line: Artscaper Networking Event 30 April – ruth@cambridgecandi.org.uk