

## Connect 2007 - 08

### **What is it?**

- The Connect scheme is an exciting arts membership scheme managed by The Forge, the City of Sunderland's Arts in Education Agency
- Thanks to investment by Sunderland City Council and The Forge, a heavily subsidised scheme will still be available to you between September 2007 – July 2008 that will cost you from £100 for a year of practical arts activity
- The aim of the scheme is to ensure entitlement for schools across the City of Sunderland and raise the profile of Arts Education works across the City

### **What can the Connect Scheme do for you?**

- Provide networking opportunities with artists and other schools through a launch event
- Provide and organise an Artist who will be resident in your school for a day running activities with children and staff
- Offer opportunities for schools to bid into a training fund to provide bespoke training and CPD for staff
- Help you develop arts partnerships with venues across the City
- Assist you in meeting the criteria for an Artsmark application and provide practical support for schools making an Artsmark application

Each school will be presented with a membership certificate on registration.

### **What does the Connect Scheme cost?**

- The first 50 schools to register will only be charged £100 for the entire academic year which includes participation in all the above activities
- Following this, the cost will be £150 per school for the entire academic year

The cost of an artist to be resident in your school for a day would normally cost a minimum of £200 – Connect offers fantastic value for money and enables you to be part of an extensive network of schools across the City of Sunderland!

### **What next?**

- Complete the attached form and return to Fiona Melvin at The Forge
- Look out for information relating to our Autumn launch event which will be sent to you soon

**“Valuable, worthwhile and informative. It provides us with an opportunity to experience/try things we would otherwise not get the chance to. It also helps [with] networking”**

***A teacher talking about their involvement in the Connect Scheme***