

A new direction for arts, culture and young london

# How to connect with different types of schools? Insights from AND's research



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## **Schools segmentation**

What is it and why it's important

- Segments are types of schools that share similar traits (attitudes, drivers, barriers and needs) when working with the cultural sector
- Statistical process clustering responses to a survey
- Understand schools' needs and priorities and tailor offer accordingly
- A 'model', a simplification of reality





## London schools segments Motivation



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#### **Cultural commissioners**

- Warmest audience high engagement with cultural partners and high motivation to do more
- **Confident** in commissioning work, **proactive** in seeking out opportunities (and more likely to be sought out by cultural organisations)
- No particular barriers to engage aside from transport and funding (the usual for all schools)
- Motivated by impact that opportunities have on pupils, but also on staff and the school itself
- They have a strong interest in developing staff confidence in creative/cultural education and engaging parents



Who are they? •Can be found across all school types (except independent schools)

•Inner/outer London, all levels of advantage and achievement



#### **Cultural eclectics**

- High engagement but low motivation to do more
- Offer a wide range of cultural opportunities
- An 'ad-hoc' approach to choosing the initiatives they get involved in pick and choose based on the appeal of each
- Less strategic in their decisions to get involved with cultural organisations
- They are motivated by enhancing young people's life chances but less so by staff development or raising school profile

Cultural Eclectics , 30%



#### Who are they?

Secondary schools
Higher attainment
More likely to be independent schools
Inner London
Less disadvantaged







## **Intrigued Engagers**

- High motivation but currently low engagement with cultural provision
- Currently have a limited cultural offer and less experienced in commissioning but are actively seeking ways of increasing their engagement
- Lack of information about cultural opportunities available is a key barrier may need to be reached out for
- Relevance of projects and activities to the curriculum and a focus on London specific learning are key drivers
- Influenced by recommendations from colleagues in other schools



#### Who are they?

Primary schools
Lower attainment
More likely to be academies
Outer London





### **Other priorities**

- Cold audience Low motivation and low levels of engagement with cultural opportunities
- Priorities for these schools lie elsewhere than in arts and cultural education
- Staff development, parental engagement or raising the profile of the school are not particularly strong drivers to provide cultural opportunities for their pupils
- Moderately interested in finding out more about cultural opportunities available but not particularly interested in building long term relationships with cultural partners



#### Who are they?

Can be found across all school types (although less likely to be secondary schools)
At all levels of disadvantage (high to low FSM areas)
Their pupils tend to come from families who are not particularly involved in arts and culture





#### If you want to know more...

London Schools Research and Segmentation (NFER)

http://www.anewdirection.org.uk/research/nfer-cultural-engagement-in-london-schools-research