

Gifted Education Fund: Off-school Advanced Learning Programmes

Programme No. 2022-01 (For primary students)

Title of Programme	Personalised Storybook Writers Incubation Programme
Programme Provider	Hong Kong Creative Learning Association (Supporting organisation: The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)
Theme	Humanities and Social Science Research Programme; Apprenticeship and Entrepreneurship Programme
Maximum No. of Participants and Class Level in the 2022/23 School Year	32 students (Primary 4-5)
Pre-requisite	No special background knowledge or skills is required.
Programme Delivery Period	From May 2023 to Jan 2024 (9 months) (tentative)
Medium of Instruction	Course Material: Chinese supplemented with English Class teaching/ Discussion: Cantonese supplemented with English
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To broaden the gifted students' knowledge through interdisciplinary learning of history, cultures, languages, arts and computational thinking, and creation of their own storybooks;• To enhance the core skills of the gifted students such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, collaboration, etc. and the ability to plan and implement their innovations;• To instill in the gifted students realisation of the significance of intangible cultural heritage of Hong Kong and responsibility of everyone for its conservation; and• To nurture positive values and attitudes among the gifted students such as civic responsibility, sense of belonging to the community, respect for different cultures and national identity.
Programme Outline	<p>This programme enhances the knowledge and skills of gifted students through interdisciplinary study of history, cultures, languages, arts, computational thinking, and creation of personalised storybooks on a theme related to the intangible cultural heritage of Hong Kong. Besides knowledge and skills, during the learning process, students will also develop positive values and attitudes essential for personal growth and development.</p> <p>The programme consists of four phases.</p>

Phase 1: Introduction to personalised storybook writing and affective education (3 hours in total)

- 1 lesson
- The lecture provides gifted students a general introduction of the features of personalized storybooks and how different elements including but not limited to history, cultures, languages, arts and computational thinking are involved during the creation of storybooks. Discussion will also be made on the importance of affective development for one's success and the means to develop positive values and attitudes through investigative study and storytelling.

Phase 2: Creation of personalised storybooks on intangible cultural heritage of Hong Kong (20 hours in total)


- 8 lessons
- In this phase, students will acquire knowledge and skills related to research of intangible cultural heritage of Hong Kong, creation of literary works for children, drawing illustrations, application of coding and computational thinking in script writing and graphic design, editing, typesetting and technical aspects of publishing a book/ an e-book.

Phase 3: Mentorship on storybook creation and training on public speaking/ presentation (14 hours in total)

- 13 lessons
- In groups of 4, students will select an intangible cultural topic they like and engage in in-depth research, story composition, creative writing, page layout, etc. under supervision and support of the instructors/ mentors. Students will acquire essential skills related to different key stages of publishing a book, including research, script drafting, editing, cover and content design, illustrations and publishing.
- By the end of Phase 3, students will take part in a training session on public speaking and presentation from which they will acquire the skills they need to release their new books/ e-books in Phase 4.

Phase 4: New book release and presentation (4 hours in total)

- 1 book release/ experience sharing session
- Students will launch their new books/ e-books in a public event/ a showcase event to be attended by their peers, parents, teachers and other guests. With the aid of posters/ presentation slides, they will present their books orally to the participants, share their learning experiences and answer questions that may arise. This is a valuable learning opportunity for students to demonstrate their language proficiency, creativity and talents to people.

Admission Fee	Free of charge
Application Method	<p>Application form can be downloaded from the following webpage:</p> <p>https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/curriculum-area/gifted/ge_fund/gef/programme/current.html</p>  <p>Please complete the application form and send it by post <u>on or before 21 April 2023</u> to the following address:</p> <p>Flat H, 19/F, Shield Industrial Centre 84-92 Chai Wan Kok Street Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong (Attn: Hong Kong Creative Learning Association)</p>
Documents to be Submitted along with the Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No supplementary document is required.
Enquiry	<p>Ms LEUNG (Hong Kong Creative Learning Association)</p> <p>Tel No.: 5597 8779</p> <p>Email: info@dreamreading.org</p>
Date of Announcement of Result	5 May 2023 (tentative)