

## Enhancing creative learning in rural communities

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The Arts Now Humboldt Summit, a region-wide conference that will offer strategies and resources for bringing creative education to rural school districts, will take place Jan. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Arcata High School, 1720 L St.

The conference is especially geared toward those in the counties of Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma and Tehama. School leaders, teachers and community partners from the Northern Humboldt Union High School District will share how they have increased opportunities for creative learning through collaboration, partnerships within the county's creative economy and programs that engage local artists and arts organizations in classrooms.

Participants will learn about resources such as the Local Control Funding Formula, Title I and Arts Plans, as well as other regional and statewide funding and educational programs.

“This conference is for anyone interested in discovering new strategies for using art and arts education to lead to visionary change in their neighborhood schools,” said Joe Landon, executive director of the California Alliance for Arts Education. “The alliance chose to hold the event in this small rural community as a way to spotlight the work being done away from major metropolitan centers.”

Featured speakers will include local school and state education leaders representing the Arcata Arts Institute, Northern Humboldt Union High School District, Arcata High School, Humboldt County Office of Education, Burton School District, CREATE CA and the California Alliance for Arts Education.

The Arts Now Humboldt Summit is being sponsored by the Adobe Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Stuart Foundation.

To register for the summit, go to <http://artsnowhumboldt.eventbrite.com>.