



## News & Events

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### **Dancevote 2010 Film: Call For Your Help**

With a general election on the horizon, presenting a potential change of government and a very real threat to arts and dance funding, it is vital that we work together now to raise the profile of dance with MPs and new potential candidates in the run up to the election. Responding to this pressing concern, **Dance UK** and a steering group of organisations from a wide range of dance backgrounds (including the **Foundation for Community Dance**) have come together and devised a national campaign called **DanceVote 2010**. The aim of the campaign is to connect every politician from the main parties with at least one local dance activity in their constituency. We want every candidate to understand that dance is important to their local voters. The high profile campaign will include e-cards, letter writing drives, visits by politicians to dance activities and media coverage.

A key tool for the DanceVote 2010 campaign will be a 90 second film showing short clips of as many different types of dance, enjoyed by as many different types of people as possible. The film will be the launch pad for the DanceVote campaign, and will end with a sign-off taking people to the DanceVote 2010 site and an e-card to send to their local politicians, asking them how they will support dance and the arts if they are elected. **Sadlers Wells** has kindly agreed to edit the film together for free, but we cannot do it without your help and film of your dance activity.

Please can you send Caroline Miller at Dance UK any film that you are happy to be included. Your film footage needs to be cleared for usage and free of charge for this one-off film (postal address: Dance UK, The Urdang, Old Finsbury Town Hall, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1R 4QT) The film will be on the Dance UK website and also posted on YouTube. It will include full credits for everyone who has contributed film, showing your support of Dance and the DanceVote campaign.

For further information contact [caroline@danceuk.org](mailto:caroline@danceuk.org) / 020 7713 0730

### **I Love To Dance**

Become a fan of Youth Dance England's 'I Love to Dance' on Facebook and you could win one of 5 Wii Fit Bundles.

Only you can bring this campaign to life – create your own dance activity, routine or event on, or close to 14 February and YDE will help you get the word out.

If you work or teach in the dance sector – let your youth and school groups, classes and young dancers know that they can join the campaign trail...

Intrigued?

For further information go to <http://www.yde.org.uk/ilovetodance?mailld=0>

## **Arts Council England has launched a consultation on future priorities for the arts**

**Deadline: Wednesday 14 April**

Earlier this month we launched our consultation - Achieving great art for everyone - which sets out Arts Council England's understanding of the current landscape, celebrates the success of the arts and identifies areas for the development over the next 10 years.

We want to hear your thoughts on the way forward. Your views will inform our long term strategic framework and our next set of investment decisions.

To take part in the consultation visit [www.artscouncil.org.uk/consultation](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/consultation)

## **Big Screen Leicester**

**Big Screen Leicester**, Humberstone Gate, is now up and running and looking to showcase the work of local film makers and bands. If you have a short film, artistic work or music video then please get in touch. The screen is free to use and all content should be copyright cleared, non-commercial and suitable for people of all ages and for screening in a public space. The screen is also available to support community events taking place in front of the screen.

For more information contact [bigscreenleicester@bbc.co.uk](mailto:bigscreenleicester@bbc.co.uk) / 07809597962

## **Conversations around Choreography**

Striving to extend her understanding of the meaning of choreography **Siobhan Davies** recently spoke with eight leading artists and practitioners outside the world of dance about choreographic elements in their work. A number of these artists were invited to speak to other artists about how they make their work in a series of public events at Siobhan Davies Studios in November 2009. These conversations were recorded and are now free to view on our website, Siobhan Davies Relay.

For further information go to [www.siobhandavies.com/conversations/events.php](http://www.siobhandavies.com/conversations/events.php)

## **UK Young Artists 2010 - Call for submissions going live soon**

The first **UK Young Artists** event will take place in the Autumn of 2010. Artists who are selected to take part in this event could also be selected to represent the UK at the XV edition of the Biennale of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean. Work should be new and can include visual arts, performing arts, literature, applied arts, film and fashion. Artists must be between 18 and 30 and be a UK citizen or have been resident in the UK for at least one year.

To register your interest and be notified when the call goes live please visit <http://www.ukyoungartists.co.uk/content/biennale-2009>

## **Let's Dance with Change4Life**

The Department of Health's Let's Dance with Change4Life campaign has begun with a new website, a nationwide weekend of dance activity for children and their families as well as a competition to dance with 'Diversity'.

For further information go to <https://dance.change4life.com/Index.aspx>

## **Déda Artists Support for dance practitioners**

**Déda** aims to offer support and development to artists through its performance and dance development programmes recognising that dance practitioners require different levels of support at different points in their careers.

Two opportunities will be available in April 2010 for artists who share Déda's ethos and ambitions. They will be looking for a Resident Artist / Dance Manager (2 years) and a Regional Artist (1 year).

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