



Young Choreographers SW 2018/19
Guidance Notes

Professional development for South West choreographers aged 18-25

Saturday 20 & and Sunday 21 October 2018
Dartington Estate, Devon

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 February 2019
Pavilion Dance, Bournemouth

About YCSW

Over the past four years Pavilion Dance South West and Dance in Devon have been welcoming young choreographers from across the region to learn and train with some of the UK's best choreographers. In a fun, supportive environment you will explore new choreographic devices, be inspired by fresh approaches and meet like-minded artists.

2017 participants have said about their experience:

“So great to have an un-pressured space to play and learn and explore new and different ways to work creatively. Really open and generous atmosphere, and some very insightful and interesting lessons from [the Artists].”

“Really good workshops with feedback and really good connection with the group, good food and accommodation, everything was amazing. Can't wait to come back.”

“Truly amazing weekend! Timings thought through for us and all practicalities as well as dance considered. Could never have done this without the bursary - thank you so much for this opportunity.”

The Offer

- You will meet a different leading choreographer each day - Antoine Vereecken, Rehearsal Director and Re-stager at Studio Wayne McGregor and Anna Finkel, Performer and Movement Director at Gecko, have been confirmed for Dartington. Choreographers of the same high calibre will be announced for the PDSW weekend
- You are expected to commit to both days of the weekend residential you choose. If you are choosing to come along to both the autumn and spring weekends, brilliant! Please make sure your availability is confirmed before applying
- Each day includes practical choreography workshops and discussion with leading choreographers

- There will be a high chance that you will be selected for further mentoring and choreographic opportunities later in the year
- After the residencies we would like you to join our growing ‘family’ of Young Choreographers, staying up to date on social media and receiving tailored email updates
- All PDSW projects are delivered to the highest standards of best and safe practice in dance with young adults at all times. Our Policy is available on our website should you wish to know more.
NB. Photographs / film will be taken throughout the weekend for use on websites, reports etc.

The Process

We select participating young choreographers based on the quality of their application. If you’re successful we will get in touch and check that you are still available and keen to take part. Once we have your confirmation we will then send you an invoice.

The cost to participate in each weekend is £100 (totalling £200 if you wish to take part in both). This contributes towards the workshop content and one nights’ accommodation. Some food may also be included and this will be specified in the itinerary which is sent to you once you’re booked on.

Please note that once an invoice has been sent to you a cancellation fee is applicable and no refunds are available.

The Fine Print

Payment - We are able to offer each residential weekend for just £100 (£200 for both) because we have worked hard to raise the funds to cover the bulk of the costs. Please note you must have paid the full fee at least 1 week before the residential is due to take place or you will not be able to take part.

Please contact us if there are exceptional circumstances preventing you from paying or if you would like to pay in two instalments.

Travel - You are responsible for your own travel to and from the residential and for ensuring you arrive in good time. We are able to offer travel bursaries for up to four people, at up to £75 per person. If you would like to make a case for support, please do so within your application.

Bursaries - We may be able to offer 1 bursary per residential weekend covering the full cost of £100. This is subject to interest and will be confirmed after the deadline has passed. Again, if you would like to apply for this, please make a case for support within the application.

Eligibility -

- We welcome applications from young people aged 18 - 25 years.
- You must live in, or come from, one of these local authority areas:

Bath & North East Somerset
Bournemouth & Poole
Bristol
Cornwall
Devon
Dorset
Gloucestershire

Hampshire
Isle of Wight
North Somerset
Plymouth
Portsmouth
Somerset
South Gloucestershire

Southampton
Torbay
Wiltshire

- You may now be working as a dancer or choreographer
- You may be studying dance or you may have graduated in dance
- You need to have a high level of fitness, a genuine passion for dance and a good level of dance experience

How to apply

Download the application form and answer the questions in written or video format.

If you choose to submit a **video application** please follow these steps:

- Ensure you talk through each section of the application form fully. (You should think about preparing your answers before starting your recording)
- Keep it simple - we're looking for the most thought through answers, not a cleverly edited film. Please feel free to record on a laptop camera or mobile phone
- Keep it succinct and short - we recommend keeping your video under 6 minutes
- Upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo and set your video to Private. Please send through the link to your video and the password required to access it

Send your application form in either format to claire@pdsw.org.uk by **9am on Monday 1st October**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Claire Wakefield on the email address above.

This programme is led by Pavilion Dance South West with support from Dance in Devon.

Follow these links for more information about PDSW and Dance in Devon:

www.pdsw.org.uk

www.danceindevon.org.uk

www.dartington.org/