



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION- Surf The Wave in Scotland

For UK based independent dance artists and companies

October 2018

Pavilion Dance South West (PDSW) and The Work Room invite applications for participation in the Surf The Wave in Scotland from UK- based independent dance artists, dance companies and their producers to attend an event that aims to:

- Create a space for thinking about how we create, communicate and collaborate in dance
- Build and strengthen networks and relationships with programmers and venues
- Open up possibilities for touring dance across Scotland
- Support artists and companies to respond to these new opportunities

What is Surf The Wave?

Surf The Wave is a major dance project that aims to fundamentally change dance touring in the UK. This three-year project runs from October 2017 to August 2020, taking a longer term approach to talent development, networking and showcasing.

Surf The Wave will be delivered in three phases:

1. *Surf the Wave Intensives*- a strategic programme of talent development and artist support involving artists, producers and programmers (including those new to dance) around the UK.
2. The *UK Dance Showcase* (16th - 19th May 2019)
3. *Surf Generator* - A year-long programme of touring and development support to translate interest into tour dates following on from the Showcase.

Arts Council England's Ambition for Excellence programme, the Jerwood Charitable Foundation, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Creative Scotland , the Arts Council of Wales and the National Dance Network have provided funding towards the costs of this project which aims to initiate a step-change in the way dance productions are showcased and toured in

the UK. We have developed the Surf The Wave programme with partners from the National Dance Network and it is a UK wide programme.

What is involved?

The Surf The Wave in Scotland programme offers an opportunity for artists and their producers to participate in a day of reflection, development and networking. The programme is influenced by four key themes:

- Concept
- Quality
- Communication
- Sustainability

These (2 x 1 day) events will also see venue and festival programmers from Scotland invited to network and exchange with participating artists and producers, allowing for facilitated and peer exchange and learning about dance, and the possibilities for presentation. Through this, we are aiming to build a broader network for dance touring that will support, commission and programme dance across the UK. This opportunity is open to Scottish artists and those from elsewhere in the UK who would like to make further links in Scotland. Programmers attending will be from Scotland and may come from dance or cross art form festivals, venues or different performance contexts, such as galleries, museums etc.

The Surf The Wave in Scotland Intensives:

| Location | Date |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Eden Court, Inverness | 21 February 2019 |
| Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling | 1 March 2019 |

Applicants are asked to indicate which event they would prefer to attend.

Participants who have attended an intensive will have the opportunity to pitch for *Surf Generator* seed support. These financial awards (ranging from £500 to £5,000) will allow artists, producers and the programmers they connect with to apply learning from the event, responding to areas of development identified through the process - e.g.in marketing, organisational support, or creative production. The aim is to support artists and companies within and beyond the term of the project to adapt their approach or networks to extend their tours to new markets for dance.

Who is it for?

Independent dance artists and dance companies that:

- Have produced and toured at least 2 publicly funded works in the UK, and are seeking to build on this
- Are interested in an open dialogue with venues and programmers on how work is developed and presented
- Are committed to diversifying audiences for their work and working collaboratively with programmers

Participants will also be selected based on the quality of their work, and their potential to tour more widely, so will need to provide links to video of their work.

We welcome applications from independent artists and companies and a diverse a range of applicants.

We recognise that many artists are self-producing but if you are working with a producer, we recommend you apply with your producer, for both of you to participate in this opportunity. This can be done in the same application.

We will work with participants to support any access requirements to enable attendance.

If you would like the application form in a different format or would like to apply in a different format, please contact stwcoordinator@pds.org.uk

Who is this opportunity NOT for?

Whilst we acknowledge the broad benefit that this programme can offer across the dance sector, this supported opportunity is NOT aimed at new graduates and those artists and companies taking their first steps into the dance touring market. You can keep up to date with developments and further opportunities throughout the project by signing up for our newsletter: email “Subscribe” to stwcoordinator@pds.org.uk

What is the benefit?

Participants will benefit from:

- A space for dialogue, shared learning, and making new contacts.
- An opportunity to pitch for *Surf Generator* seed support in response to learning
- Access to subsidised delegate places to attend the UK Dance Showcase in May 2019
- Access to opportunities to meet and network with programmers, and attend brokering events throughout the Surf The Wave project (2017 - 2020)

What does it cost?

The registration fee for each event is £45. This includes lunch.

Thanks to the support of our funders, there are 10 artist and producer bursaries for each event. This includes:

- a bursary of £100 to attend
- up to £100 travel and accommodation costs

How do I apply?

Visit <http://www.surfthewaveuk.org.uk/news/2018/10/4/call-for-participation-surf-the-wave-scotland>

Download and complete the Application Form and Equal Opportunities Form

Please complete all sections, provide links and examples of work, and the name of 1 professional referee. Otherwise your application may not be considered.

Send all this information by email to: stwcoordinator@pdsw.org.uk with the subject heading "Application - Surf The Wave in Scotland"

Deadline for applications: 9.00am Friday 2nd November 2018

Who assesses the applications?

The applications will be assessed by a panel of Surf the Wave, PDSW, The Work Room, Eden Court Theatre, Macrobert Arts Centre and Dance North

Applicants will be notified by 30th November 2018

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