



Surrey Dance 21 Youth Dance Recovery – Call for Artists

The Surrey Dance 21 team are seeking dance artists to support our Active Surrey partnership project called 'Surrey Youth Dance Recovery'. An eight -week programme of dance intervention in Surrey schools starting September 2021. These weekly, one hour dance sessions will take place after school (various days) and will be fun, child-led and facilitated by experienced, professional dance artists.

The aim of this programme is to reconnect (or perhaps introduce) schools to the benefits of creative dance whilst building stronger, longer-term relationships between schools and Surrey based dance artists.

From the young people's perspective, we want to use dance as a creative tool to help build their resilience, reintroduce physical activity and use the healing powers of dance to rebuild their confidence post-lockdown.

The sessions could culminate in a performance after eight weeks if that is what the children wish. We know from recent data that:

- Childhood activity levels have fallen
- Child mental health has worsened
- Resilience and loss of social skills have become an issue for some

We also want to use this project as an opportunity to support 'Lead Artists' - those experienced in working with children and young people to work with those less experienced practitioners in this field (Assistant Artists) developing a much better connected and skilled practitioner network in Surrey who deliver quality interventions for and with children and young people.

We will be working with 8 schools across Surrey both Primary and Secondary in:

- Elmbridge BC
- Spelthorne BC
- Surrey Heath BC
- Runnymede BC
- Waverley BC
- Woking BC
- Guildford BC

Artist Criteria:

We are seeking up to four 'Lead Artists' to work on this programme. Lead Artists must have:

- At least 2 years' experience working on dance projects and/or programmes with young people
- Track record for working within schools or a particular young people focussed context
- An up- to- date, clear DBS check (Surrey Arts can support with new checks if needed).
- Have relevant liabilities and insurances
- Track record of delivering work which is participant led and focussed
- Those who can adapt their approach to working within a range of environments
- Those experienced in working with and adapting to mixed ability groups
- Driving license / access to own transport is advised.

We are also seeking up to four 'Assistant Artists' to work alongside a 'Lead Artist'. 'Assistant Artists' must have:

- Experience in teaching dance
- Up to date and clear DBS check

Surrey Dance 21 team can support with DBS checks if these are not already in place.

Fees

Lead Artist Fee £50 per hourly session

Assistant Artist: £30 per hourly session

(8 weeks starting mid September 2021)

Surrey Dance 21 team will provide further support with any related marketing and/or evaluation costs. We will cover development/planning time of up to 2 days for 'Lead Artist' (@£150 per day). We will facilitate peer to peer support between the selected artists through the duration of the project.

To apply

Please contact Lucy.murray@farnhammaltings.com with your expressions of interest. Expressions should include:

- Email title 'EOI Surrey Youth Dance Recovery Artist'
- Position applying for either 'Lead Artist' or 'Assistant Artist'
- Brief description of your previous experience (you may wish to use the above prompts under Artist Criteria)
- Preference for working within Primary or Secondary children/young people
- After school (3pm-5pm) availability Mon-Fri (September 2021 – November 2021)
- Preferred dance style e.g. urban, street, contemporary etc.
- Preferred locations (if any) for working (using borough prompts above)

We look forward to seeing your applications. **DEADLINE MONDAY 9TH AUGUST**

