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National Youth Arts Wales



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open workshops
application deadline: 1.12.08





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INFORMATION

National Youth Dance Wales (NYDW) was launched in 2000. It provides a national focus for youth dance in Wales and is open to young people, aged between 14 - 21 years, who love dance and dancing!

NYDW works mainly with creative, contemporary dance forms but applications are encouraged from young people with experience of a wide variety of dance styles, including contemporary, ballet, jazz, hip-hop/street dance, modern, etc. as long as participants are willing to transfer their skills to a different way of working – or at least have a go!

NYDW offers first-class training opportunities for young dancers, initially through a programme of open workshops. From these open workshops up to 30 dancers (aged 16 – 21 years) are invited to participate in an intensive dance residency culminating in the public performance of new work – often in some of Wales' most popular theatres (eg. Clwyd Theatr Cymru in Mold, Theatr Brycheiniog in Brecon and Sherman in Cardiff). In 2008, NYDW was invited to perform at The Peacock Theatre in London as part of Youth Dance England's *National Youth Dance Festival*.

Since its first annual residential course in 2001, NYDW has worked with some of Europe's finest, award-winning choreographers - including **Wayne MacGregor** (Random Dance Company) and **Henri Oguike** (Henri Oguike Dance Company). Professional dancers who have worked with NYDW as tutors and mentors currently dance with Random Dance Company, Henri Oguike Dance Company, Richard Alston Dance Company, Diversions - the Dance Company of Wales and Bonachela Dance Company – to mention but a few!

NYDW 2009 Open Workshops

NYDW plans to offer a series of open workshops in locations across Wales - including North, Mid/West, South-west and South-east Wales. Workshop dates and locations will be based on the geographical spread of applications (each workshop must have a minimum of 12 participants; additional dates/locations will be arranged if there is sufficient demand).

NYDW 2009 Annual Residency

Young dancers who wish to be considered for a NYDW residential experience **MUST** have participated in an NYDW Open Workshop; subsequently, dancers will be invited to join the NYDW Residency. Further details will be available at the Open Workshops.

Open Workshops (full day: 10am – 4pm)

Cost: £15 per person

NYDW Open Workshops will include a number of elements: applicants will participate in a technique class (preparing the body through a series of dance exercises), a creative session and a repertory or choreography session (learning a choreographed routine or movement phrases). The workshops will seek to build upon applicants' dance skills and experience, and offer opportunities to explore a range of ideas in a creative way. Further details will be forwarded once workshop places have been confirmed.

Application Requirements

Applicants should be actively involved with a dance group at school/college, or with a local youth dance group or company. They should be aged between 14 – 21 years for the Open Workshops, and between 16 – 21 years if they wish to be considered for the annual NYDW Residency.

How to Apply

Please complete the attached application form and return it **by 1st December 2008**, to:

NYDW, 245 Western Avenue, Cardiff, CF5 2YX

Financial Assistance

We are keen to ensure that no-one is deterred from applying for NYDW for financial reasons. All enquiries for financial advice are treated in strictest confidence.

Further information

For further information about NYDW or National Youth Arts Wales, please contact Gillian Wells on 029 2026 5006, or e-mail gillian.wells@nyaw.co.uk

Watch the DVD!

Every school, college and community dance organisation across Wales has received a DVD about NYDW – demonstrating what it is, who it's for and how to get involved. Ask your dance teacher/leader or PE teacher to show it to you and your friends!



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Application to join NYDW 2009

Please print all information

All information given on this application form will be stored on the National Youth Arts Database. From time to time we may wish to pass your contact details to other carefully screened arts organisations.

If you do **not** wish us to do this, please tick this box:

Surname: _____ First name(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age on 31.08.09 (years/months): _____

Home address: _____

Town/City: _____ Post code: _____

Local Authority: _____ Home Phone Number: (____) _____

Mobile Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

School/College/University : _____

Term address (if different from home address above): _____

Local Authority: _____

If you have been a member of a NYDW residency or taken part in any NYDW workshops before, please give details of the date(s) and location(s) of the residency and/or workshop(s):

Preferred Open Workshop Location / Day

Please indicate your **first** and **second** choice of location by writing 1 and 2 in the appropriate boxes

South-west Wales
(inc. Swansea)

South-east Wales
(inc. Cardiff and Newport)

Mid / West Wales
(ie. Powys / Ceredigion)

North-west Wales

North-east Wales

Please indicate (✓) your preferred day for an Open Workshop: Saturday Sunday

NYDW tries, where possible, to work in both English and Welsh; please ✓ your fluency in the Welsh language

Fluent (1st language) Fluent (2nd language) Comfortable/basic knowledge None

Is your first language other than English or Welsh? Language: _____



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Indicate with a ✓ the box(es) that apply to you:

- I regularly dance at school/college
- I am a member of a youth dance group(s) Name of group(s) _____
- I attend a private dance school Name of dance school _____
- I attend regular dance class(es) through a community dance organisation Name of community dance organisation _____
- I attend other dance lessons / courses Please specify _____

For how long have you been dancing?

- More than 10 years 5-10 years
- 1-4 years Less than 1 year

Indication with a ✓ if you have experience of any of the following:

- African or Indian dance styles Choreography
- Modern Ballet
- Hip-hop Tap
- Contemporary dance Improvisation
- Creative dance Jazz
- Other (please specify) _____

Have you seen any NYDW performances? Yes No
If yes, which one(s)? _____

Your application must be supported by someone who knows you and your interest in dance (it could be your Head Teacher, Teacher or Dance Leader)

Name of Referee: _____ Profession: _____

Contact Address: _____

Day-time Telephone: _____

We may contact your referee, please ensure that all details are correct.

Signature of candidate: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Please return the completed application form to the following address by **1 December 2008**:

National Youth Dance Wales, 245 Western Avenue, Cardiff, CF5 2YX

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fax: 029 2026 5014

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