



National Youth Dance Wales – Step Up

Information for parents or guardians of nominee

Step Up is an exciting initiative for young dancers (14 -18 years) keen to 'step up' to another level of challenge and experience.

Led by NYDW Artistic Director, **Errol White**, **Step Up** will offer participants an intensive training opportunity that focuses on technique and core skills through class, and creative and repertoire sessions. **Step Up** is a national programme offering three residencies during 2011/12 (one per term) strategically located in North, South and Mid-/West Wales, and will give all participants an insight to NYDW membership and expectations.

Dancers must be nominated by their youth dance leader/teacher. Nominees should be aged between 14 – 18 years, be actively engaged in dance, and be able to demonstrate real potential in creative, contemporary dance. They should display commitment, dedication and enthusiasm in their regular classes, and be a great team player. They should be passionate about dance and dancing, and eager to progress.

Commitment and costs

Nominees must commit to the following dates:

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November 2011 (South Wales)

Thursday 5th January & Friday 6th January 2012 (West Wales)

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd April 2012 (North Wales)

The weekends are fully-residential. Participants are asked to contribute £50* per residency (to cover all tuition, accommodation, food, insurances and welfare arrangements).

*We are keen to ensure that financial or transport difficulties do not exclude or disadvantage potential participants. NYDW will work with partners and nominees to identify bursaries and/or sponsors, and fundraising ideas, where necessary.

Additional information and/or clarification is available from youth dance leaders or suzanne.firth@nyaw.co.uk (029 2026 52079). Completed and signed* nomination forms must be returned by **Monday 31 October 2011**.

*Signatures required from nominator, plus parent/guardian if the nominee is under-18 yrs OR the nominee (if over-18 yrs)