

YOUNG CREATIVES 2024

GUIDANCE NOTES



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Welcome to Young Creatives 2024!

Young Creatives is a fully funded national programme managed by One Dance UK.

It aims to help young people develop their choreographic skills in Year 1 and give them an opportunity to present their work to the public in Year 2.

Applications are open to young people in the UK, working in any dance style, who are interested in creating new dance work. The project is aimed at young people aged 16-20 who wish to develop their skills and experience as a choreographer. However, if you are over this age bracket but feel that this is an opportunity you would benefit from, we would love to hear from you.

YOUNG CREATIVES 2024 WILL INCLUDE:

- The chance to learn from leading industry professionals about the process of creating and staging choreography
- Opportunities to explore and develop your skills as a choreographer
- In person creative/rehearsal days and workshops, and online workshops, all led by inspiring professionals
- The enjoyment of experimenting and exploring dance work with other young people



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WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUNG CREATIVES 2024?

Young Creatives is free of charge and open to anyone who is interested in choreography and keen to collaborate with like-minded young dancers! We are looking for applications from young people working in a wide variety of dance styles. Applicants should demonstrate a clear passion for making dance, a high level of commitment and an openness to exploring different approaches to being creative.

We will select up to twelve young choreographers to participate in the programme. In January 2024, successful Young Creatives will be welcomed to the programme during an introductory in-person launch day in Birmingham hosted by One Dance UK, where they will meet the creative team and other participants and take part in workshops to begin their Young Creatives journey.

Following the launch day, regular in-person and online workshops will take place between February and June, which will be led by industry professionals and will provide an insight into their way of working. During this period you will also be invited to attend two more weekend in-person events, which will be full of workshops and rehearsal opportunities and the chance to see Year 2 work.

COSTS:

We are delighted that Young Creatives is fully funded and there is no charge for young people to apply for or take part in the programme. Each successful applicant will receive a bursary to cover the cost of economically viable travel and accommodation when needed during the programme.

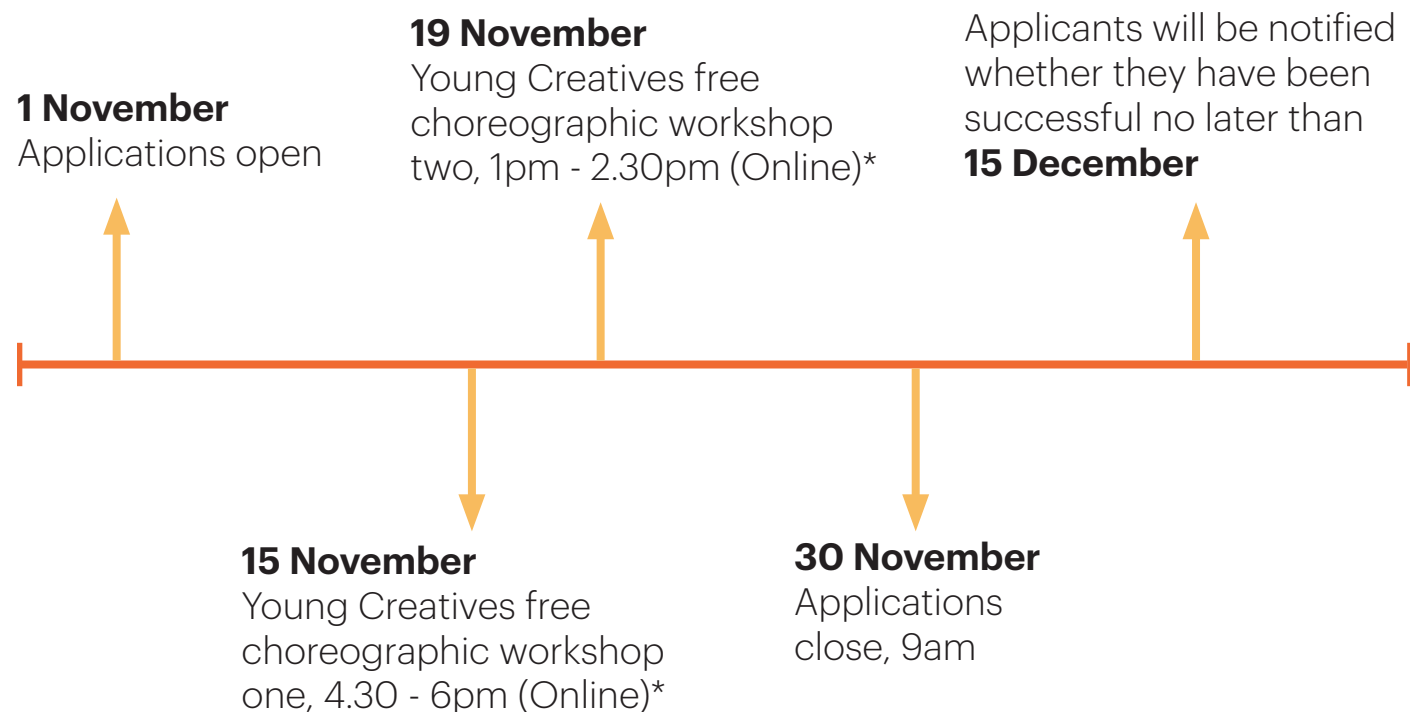
Please read the guidance notes in full and make sure you can commit to the full programme from January to completion in July before applying. Young Creatives is a special opportunity and is always oversubscribed so full commitment is essential.



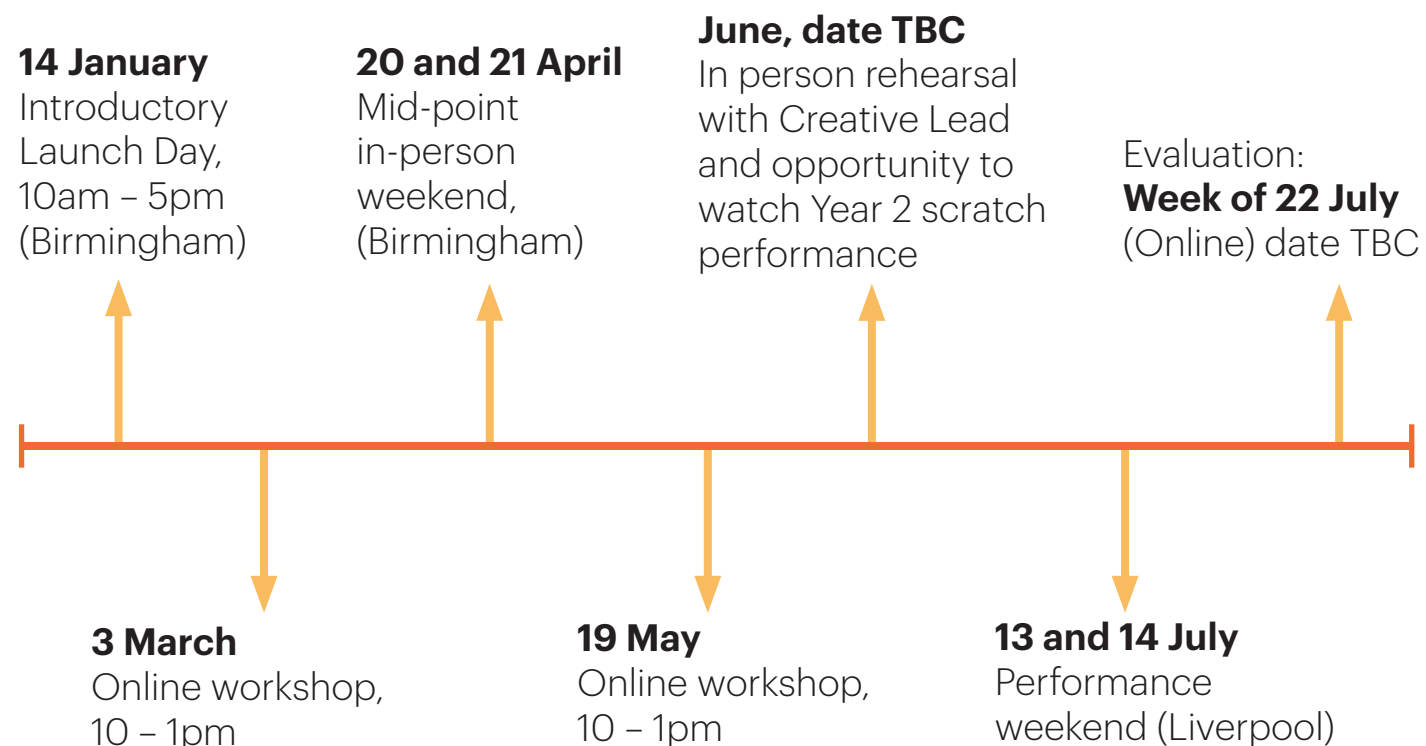
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TIMELINE FOR YOUNG CREATIVES 2024

THE APPLICATION STAGE



THE YOUNG CREATIVES PROGRAMME



SELECTION PROCESS

We welcome applications from all young people in the UK aged 16 to 20, or those who may be older, who feel that they will still benefit from the programme.

We are looking for young people with creative flair and the willingness to explore different approaches to making dance. Participants might already have a wealth of experience, or may be taking the first steps towards exploring their choreographic style. We are looking for potential and passion!

Applicants must have the focus and commitment to work independently and contribute to group sessions, acting upon advice and guidance from the Creative Lead and industry professionals. You will need to have a supportive adult who can help you manage your time and you must be committed to attending all activities.

This is an outline of the selection process:



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CRITERIA:

- Applicants should be aged between 16 and 20 on 31 July 2024, or, feel that they would really benefit from the programme if above this age bracket.
- We are looking for a cohort of young choreographers that represent a range of different styles.
- The preferred method of practical application is to attend one of the free online Young Creatives choreographic workshops.
- Applicants can live anywhere within the UK.
- All successful applicants are expected to make a full commitment to the programme and must ensure they are available for **all** key dates prior to accepting a place on the programme. Young Creatives is completely free, although a recharge fee may be made to cover costs for any unexplained or unauthorised absence.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Creative potential - we want to be inspired by your creativity and openness to explore and engage
- Enthusiasm to try new things in dance and develop your skills
- A range of different dance styles to be represented across the project participants
- A strong level of commitment and communication

If you have any questions about completing the application form or need help to submit your application please call One Dance UK on 020 7713 0730 or email youngcreatives@onedanceuk.org. We are able to support people with additional needs to submit their application.



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Do I need to have choreographed before?

No - this project is open to anyone who is keen to learn more and try out ideas!

I've been a Young Creative before. Can I apply again?

Yes - we'd welcome your application providing you meet the criteria on page 6

I have a disability or other additional need. Can I apply?

Yes - we'd welcome your application and if selected we'll be in touch to find out what access needs you may have

Do I need parent or guardian consent to apply?

Yes, if you are under 18 you will need consent from a parent/guardian.

Is there a cost to taking part in Young Creatives?

No - the programme is fully funded and all travel and accommodation costs are covered by One Dance UK. A recharge fee may be applied in cases of absence.

SUPPORTING ADULTS

If you continue onto Year 2 of the programme you will be required to name a supporting adult, who will also be a point of contact for One Dance UK. The supporting adult would be someone who knows you through school, college, a youth group or a family member and someone who could support you during the more independent work seen in Year 2. We do suggest that you start to consider who this may be as you apply for Year 1.

Young Creatives is a vibrant, exciting, and rewarding project that supports you in your professional choreographic development. We are excited for 2024 applications to be open, and cannot wait to hear from you!



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