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## **One Dance UK Leads New Research into Freelance Workforce**

One Dance UK has commissioned the first workforce research for over 10 years focusing on this unique and vital part of the dance workforce. The project is designed to generate new insight into the working lives of freelancers.

Freelancers form a significant share of the workforce in the dance sector, and One Dance UK is keen to understand their working lives and gauge the contribution that this segment of professionals makes to dance in the UK.

One Dance UK has partnered with Arts Council England to commission researchers from the University of Bedfordshire's Research Institute for Media, Arts and Performance to carry out this study, which we hope will uncover important and critical insights for dance.

The research team are approaching dancers, producers, teachers, choreographers, managers, researchers and healthcare providers to participate in this study, the first of its kind.

One Dance UK anticipate that the study will reveal pivotal findings that will help shape the advocacy work that we undertake on behalf of the workforce in dance and inform the development of projects and new initiatives that One Dance UK and other partners carry out to support freelancers.

Participation from the sector will be key to making this important research project a success and the research team are keen to hear from every freelancer and independent artist at any stage in their career. One Dance UK urge everyone in the sector to get involved and complete the survey – it's a unique chance to make your voice heard and to make a difference to the UK dance sector. Make sure you have your say!

Links to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FreelanceDance>

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#### **About One Dance UK**

One Dance UK is the sector support organisation leading the way to a stronger, more vibrant and diverse dance sector. We provide one clear voice to:

- Support all those working in the sector to achieve excellence in dance performance, education and management
- Advocate for the increased profile and importance of dance in all its diverse forms and settings
- Enhance dancers' health, well-being and performance
- Identify gaps, provide opportunities and improve conditions for dance to be learnt, discussed and seen

We provide membership packages for a range of individuals and organisations to support, advise and connect people across the dance sector.

Our aim is to create a workforce that is well-equipped to secure dance's prominence in the cultural landscape of the future. We do this by providing services, information and opportunities for:

- Dance organisations
- All dance professionals including:
  - Dance artists and choreographers
  - Dance teachers, educators and practitioners
  - Dance managers and producers
  - Dance medicine and science/research professionals
  - All children and young people.



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