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One Dance UK Bolstered by £200k Backbone Boost

One Dance UK has recently been awarded a £200K grant as part of the latest round of Paul Hamlyn Foundation grants. The organisation announced a number of awards with a total value of £1.3m, over five years, to seven organisations in the latest round of Backbone funding.

The aim of the Backbone Fund is to support organisations which are important connectors, collaborators and advocates, whose work is helping to strengthen civil society. It enables organisations to build resilience, resource their core services, fund essential posts and ensure that there is funding that can be relied upon over a significant timeframe, free of political cycles.

One key area of activity for One Dance UK is to strengthen the support given to dance teachers and to advocate for the importance of dance in education, and this funding will enable the organisation to take a strategic and long-term approach to making this happen. Some areas of focus include:-

- Providing training and resources to up-skill non-specialist teachers in primary settings to improve their dance teaching.
- Campaign for dance to be valued as part of every school's curriculum and continue to apply pressure on government as part of targeted and wider cultural education advocacy work.
- Build local and national networks of teachers, to help support them and combat professional isolation.
- Assess the needs of teachers to ensure our resources and support are useful and relevant.

Andrew Hurst CEO of One Dance UK comments *"We are delighted that PHF has agreed to support our work in Dance education by awarding One Dance UK Backbone funding over the next 5 years. As Sector Support Organisation for Dance and the Subject Association for dance in schools we aim to advocate for the value of dance in education cross all settings and provide resources and professional development and support to dance educators. This funding will enable One Dance UK to continue to deliver support to this creative subject in the education environment"*

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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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