DANCE AMBASSADOR GUIDANCE 2019/20
About One Dance UK

One Dance UK works to ensure the dance sector is strong, vibrant and diverse. We combine specialist expertise in dance education, youth dance, dance of the African Diaspora, dancer’s health and wellbeing and the dance industry as a whole, to support those that love, teach, work in or perform dance.

With a membership of over 2000 artists, practitioners, teachers, schools and dance companies we advocate for dance as a cultural and artistic form, as a subject on the national curriculum in England and as a valued part of millions of people’s lives.

About Dance Consortium

Dance Consortium is a group of 21 theatres across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Dance Consortium brings the best international dance to audiences across the UK and Ireland. Upcoming tours include Dada Madilo’s Giselle and Acosta Dan a.

Talks, workshops and participation projects run alongside the tours for audiences and aspiring dancers to grow their knowledge and experience of dance. The Future Leaders programme aims to fire curiosity about different careers in theatre by connecting aspiring dancers and arts leaders with theatre staff.

What is a Dance Ambassador?

One Dance UK’s Dance Ambassadors are proactive, creative and confident young people from across the UK.

They learn about the varied work of One Dance UK and advocate for the organisation and its activities across their networks, liaising with decision makers and stakeholders in their region and nationally.

They also volunteer at a variety of dance-related events including conferences and youth dance performances and when possible provide support in the office at key times in the year. Dance Ambassadors provide a crucial ‘youth voice’ in One Dance UK’s advocacy work.

Since 2017/18 ODUK have partnered with Dance Consortium to develop the programme, combining it with their fantastic Future Leaders programme. This provides the Ambassadors with even more exciting opportunities to find out about the roles involved in taking dance on tour and showcasing dance in high profile large-scale venues.

There are opportunities to meet and learn from key staff at Dance Consortium and their venues, as well as watch fabulous touring dance work!
Why Apply?

As well as building your CV and having fun, the Dance Ambassadors programme offers an opportunity to:

- Work with two high profile national dance organisations – One Dance UK and Dance Consortium.
- Improved future career prospects, gaining a wealth of new skills, knowledge and experience.
- Develop professional contacts through a variety of networking opportunities.
- Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for all parts of the project where attendance is essential.

You can also expect...

- Insight into leadership in major UK Theatres
- Insight into presentation of large scale contemporary dance
- Networks/Networking
- Opportunities to input on national agendas
- Learn about the wider dance sector
- Events Experience

Dance Ambassadors at the House of Commons with Dame Darcey Bussell

Jessica meeting her MP to talk about dance

Ed and Larissa introducing U.Dance
The first stop on your journey will be on **22 and 23 October** in Salford.

These two days will be a great way for you to meet the other Ambassadors and receive training on the Dance Ambassadors and Future Leaders programmes. You'll also get a chance to watch Dada Masilo’s Giselle at The Lowry! Following that there's lots for you to get involved in - some of the keys dates are listed on the right.

Whilst these dates are definitely ones to keep in your diary, remember that this timetable is indicative and does not include all of the opportunities that will be available to you.

Dates are also subject to change.

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### Key Dates and Events

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<td>One Dance UK's Annual Conference this year focuses on the exciting ways that digital innovation impacts dance of the African diaspora.</td>
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<td><strong>Annual General Meeting</strong></td>
<td><strong>TBC, Birmingham 2 December 2019</strong></td>
<td>One Dance UK holds a public AGM as part of a social event for our members. A great opportunity for networking and discussion.</td>
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<td><strong>U.Dance Regional Platforms</strong></td>
<td><strong>Locations across the UK Jan - April 2019</strong></td>
<td>Attend the U.Dance regional platform near you!</td>
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<td><strong>Future Leaders’ Day</strong></td>
<td><strong>Date/Location TBC</strong></td>
<td>An insight day at one of Dance Consortium’s venues to learn more about their work and touring dance!</td>
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<td><strong>Tramway, Glasgow 17-19 July 2019</strong></td>
<td>National Youth Dance Festival</td>
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How do I apply?

First things first... can you answer YES to all the following questions?

1. Will you be aged 18 to 25 on 4 October 2019?
2. Do you/will you live in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland during this period also?
3. Are you confident and proactive, and ready to get involved with the opportunities made available through the project?
4. Are you a member of One Dance UK? See www.onedanceuk.org for info on becoming a member. Students are just £20 a year!

If you can say YES, then you are eligible to apply!

Download our application form here and answer a few short questions about yourself and why you want to be a Dance Ambassador!

We welcome applications in a range of formats – written or video applications are both very welcome!

If you’d like to submit your application through another method or need any additional help or support please contact us at comms@onedanceuk.org.

Good luck!

Please note: We especially welcome applications by disabled people and individuals from minority ethnic backgrounds. We will make any reasonable adjustments to the project to ensure disabled young people can fully participate.

Deadline for applications: 10am on 4 October 2019