This document relates to all groups in England wishing to apply for the national youth dance festival: U.Dance 2020

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INTRODUCTION TO U.DANCE 2020

One Dance UK is working to create an exciting dance festival programme for young people aged 11 to 19 (and Dancers and dancers with a disability up to the age of 25) in 2020.

U.Dance 2020 will present young people’s work to show the breadth of youth dance choreography and performance. One Dance UK is working with partners YDance, Tramway and Scottish Ballet and other organisations to showcase the range and diversity of youth dance that is being created in the UK.

One Dance UK wants to present youth dance that is high quality, innovative and ambitious. We accept applications from all groups including those that are run by schools, those that are based in the community and groups with dancers with a disability. We welcome and encourage groups who create dance pieces in all genres, such as hip hop dance styles, South Asian dance, folk dance, jazz, contemporary, ballet... you name it really. U.Dance is for everyone!

New Dimensions

Back by popular demand! U.Dance 2020 will offer youth dance companies the opportunity to apply directly to One Dance UK to perform at U.Dance 2020 via the New Dimensions strand! New Dimensions allows youth groups and individual young people to submit high quality pieces of work by video which are up to 15 minutes long. We encourage applicants to submit work which will enhance the U.Dance programme by showcasing more experimental work or by showcasing a wider range of styles and genres.

Selected New Dimensions pieces will take place on 17, 18 and 19 July at Tramway, Glasgow, as part of the U.Dance 2020 main stage performances.
U.DANCE 2020 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a place at U.Dance 2020 groups need to:

- Submit a dance piece with no more than 30 dancers performing in it (groups of 16 dancers or more will need to have three chaperones instead of two).
- Only include dancers aged 11 to 19 years on 17 July 2020, (Dancers with a disability aged up to and incl 25 can apply).
- Submit a dance piece which is up to 15 minutes in duration.
- Be based in the UK and involve dancers who live in the UK.
- Be available in Glasgow for full days on 18 and 19 July 2020

Some groups will perform on 17 July, but we will discuss this with group leaders on a case-by-case basis.

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1. CREATE YOUR PIECE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
December 2019 - March 2020

Complete and submit your application form.
Complete and submit your performance piece via WeTransfer to u.dance@onedanceuk.org

Application deadline is 30 March

STEP 2. NATIONAL PROGRAMMING
April 2020

The National Selection panel will meet in early April to programme U.Dance 2020. Groups will be notified if they have been selected mid April.
U.DANCE 2020 - THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL

U.Dance 2020 is One Dance UK’s flagship youth event, providing the focal point for the U.Dance national performance framework and youth dance performances taking place across the UK!

WHEN AND WHERE
Friday 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July 2020 at Tramway in Glasgow

WHAT TO EXPECT
- Three main-stage public performances each evening (times TBC) by a range of groups, presented at Tramway (capacity 600+).
- Groups will have access to an incredible participatory programme of workshops and dance experiences led by outstanding dance teachers, choreographers and artists
- Groups will be offered tickets to watch at least one of the other evenings’ performances and have the opportunity to meet, network and socialise with hundreds of other young dancers from all over UK
- Performers will include youth dance groups from each region of England and from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

U.Dance 2020 warmly invites applications from youth dance groups working with young dancers with a disability (up to the age of 25). To discuss making an application for an inclusive group please call 0207 713 0730.

U.Dance 2020 is run by One Dance UK and will be partnering with YDance, Tramway, Scottish Ballet and a number of other organisations.

There is no fee charged by One Dance UK for groups selected to perform at U.Dance 2020. Instead, groups will be responsible for arranging their own travel, catering and accommodation in Glasgow if they choose to stay overnight. Groups should consider how they will cover the cost of their travel and food, and accommodation if required. One Dance UK will be able to provide guidance on local places to eat and stay to those groups who are selected. We are currently negotiating deals with low-cost accommodation providers, such as University halls of residence.

One Dance UK has an access fund for groups in need of financial assistance to attend the festival, granted on a case by case basis.
U.DANCE 2020 SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

The selection panel will be looking for dance groups that:

1. Demonstrate excellence in performance
2. Present excellent and engaging choreography
3. Show dancers taking clear ownership of the choreography, which is appropriate for their age and experience
4. Demonstrate respect and consideration for all (also includes appropriateness of performance content)

NATIONAL PROGRAMMING CONSIDERATIONS

The National Selection Panel will consider all shortlisted work and select dance pieces which combined as a performance programme will:

1. Reflect the diversity of dance styles practiced by young people across the UK
2. Create an interesting and varied performance

THE SELECTION PANEL

The National Selection Panel will be made up of youth dance experts, with specialisms including Inclusive Dance, South Asian Dance, Dance of the African Diaspora, Community Dance and Dance in Schools.
ACCESS TO U.DANCE 2020
To help make U.Dance 2020 more accessible we are:

- Ensuring one ‘inclusive dance specialist’ is on the National Selection panel
- Ensuring all venues are accessible
- Creating an open dialogue with inclusive groups about their experience at U.Dance and creating a bespoke timetable for their participants to ensure they get the most out of the weekend.
- Ensuring all performances are either BSL interpreted or captioned
- Providing ‘easy-read’ documents for those that need them

GROUP LEADER CONSIDERATIONS
To ensure U.Dance 2020 is an enjoyable event that meets high artistic, health and safety and pastoral requirements there are certain considerations that Group Leaders need to take into account when applying:

- All groups will need to provide two (or three if there are 16 or more dancers) suitable chaperones (i.e. over 21yrs, experienced in leading, teaching, supervising the group, DBS checked within the last three years and not involved in the performance of the group’s piece).
- If the group is of mixed gender, there MUST be one male and one female leader accompanying them.
- If the group is of single gender at least one of the leaders needs to be of the same gender as the group.
- An agreement will be made with each Group Leader about the roles and responsibilities required of them/the chaperones during U.Dance 2020.
- They will be expected to take part in preparation work, which includes responding to email/postal and telephone requests for information on group’s medical/health/dietary conditions, providing information for Press/PR and event programmes.
CHILD PERFORMANCE LICENSING

One Dance UK is applying for the appropriate Child Performance Licence for U.Dance 2020 from Glasgow Council. The provisions for this are yet to be agreed at the time of writing.

If you are not familiar with the national child performance licensing in England please get in touch with your local authorities Child Performance Licensing Officer.

NNCEE Guide to Child Performance Licensing in England


In anticipation for U.Dance 2020 performance we highly recommend that regular group leaders apply for a chaperone licence from their local authority. Chaperone licences often take a few weeks (sometimes months) to process.

Become a licensed chaperone for child performers

https://www.gov.uk/chaperone-child-performers

Please be aware that the systems and processes for performances taking place in Scotland are different to those for England. One Dance UK will ensure all relevant information is shared with group leaders.
U.Dance on Screen runs alongside the annual youth dance festival, whilst focusing on three core values:

- To celebrate youth dance on screen
- To expand opportunities to showcase youth dance beyond staged performances
- To encourage wider participation in dance from filmmakers, directors and producers

Each year we put out a call for submissions of dance films either by young filmmakers, or containing young dancers. An independent panel of film/dance professionals then chooses a selection to be part of the annual youth dance festival.

This year, selected films will be presented at the U.Dance National Festival, and at public screenings in Glasgow and at BFI Southbank, London, with other public screening opportunities in development.

More information and applications available on the One Dance UK website. Application deadline: 10 May 2020

THANK YOU FOR READING!

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR APPLICATION!

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