

# U.DANCE 2019 GUIDANCE NOTES



This document relates to all groups in England wishing to apply for the national youth dance festival: U.Dance 2019.

Please contact One Dance UK if you require the notes in an audio format.

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## INTRODUCTION TO U.DANCE 2019

One Dance UK is working to create an exciting dance festival programme for young people aged 11 to 19 (and disabled young people up to the age of 25) in 2019.

**U.Dance 2019** will present young people's work to show the breadth of youth dance choreography and performance. One Dance UK is working with partner venue, **Southbank Centre** and partner with numerous other organisations to showcase the breadth and diversity of youth dance that is being created in the UK.

One Dance UK want 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 disabled dancers. We especially welcome and encourage groups who create dance pieces in genres other than Contemporary Dance, such as Hip Hop dance styles, South Asian dance, Dance of the African Diaspora, English Folk dance, you name it really, U.Dance is for everyone!

## U.DANCE 2019 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a place at **U.Dance 2019** 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 20 July 2019, (disabled dancers aged up to and incl 25 can apply).
- Submit a dance piece which is between 2 and 7 minutes in duration. *Pieces will be timed at the regional platforms.*
- Be based in the UK and involve dancers who live in the UK.
- Be available to perform in London on 20 and 21 July 2019 (09:00 – 22:00 days) and on the dates of your Regional Platform.
- Groups that performed at the National Festival in 2018 (i.e. DanceEast in Ipswich) will not be considered for **U.Dance 2019**.



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IT WAS AMAZING TO CELEBRATE  
DANCE AMONGST PEOPLE WITH  
THE SAME PASSION.

**U.Dance Participant**

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

### STEP 1. SUBMIT YOUR FORM

September – December 2018

Complete and submit your regional dance organisation's application form by the date stated on the application form for your region. Find your regional organisation's details on the next page.

Ensure you tick the relevant box to say that you wish to be considered for **U.Dance 2019**.

### STEP 2. REGIONAL SHORTLISTING

December – February 2019

The regional organisations will shortlist which groups will perform at their Regional Platform or County Platforms.

### STEP 3. COUNTY AND/OR REGIONAL PLATFORM PERFORMANCE

February – April 2019

These Platforms usually take place between early February and early April. Please contact your regional representative for further details.

### STEP 4. NATIONAL SHORTLISTING

February – April 2019

Members of the National Selection Panel will watch the Regional Platform performance and select two to three groups which will be shortlisted for **U.Dance 2019**.

A One Dance UK representative will also be in attendance and the shortlisted groups will be informed by the regional representative within two weeks of the event if they have been shortlisted or not.

### STEP 5. NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

April 2019

The National Selection panel will meet in late March-early April to programme **U.Dance 2019**. Shortlisted groups will be informed by One Dance UK if they have been programmed mid-April.

## U.DANCE REGIONAL PLATFORMS

One Dance UK's regional partner organisations will each manage a Regional Platform between early February and early April 2019.

The structure of the Regional Platforms is unique to that region, some over one day, others have two-day events and the East Midlands have a series of six County Level Platforms.

**One group** will be selected from each region to perform at **U.Dance 2019**, apart from the host region (i.e. London) where two groups will be selected.

Regional Platforms are attended by members of the National Selected Panel plus two regional representatives. Further information relating to the panel and criteria are detailed later in this pack.

NB Many regions welcome applications from groups who only wish to perform at the regional event and if that is the case you just need to complete your own region's application form and submit that by the deadline specified on the form.

## REGIONAL CONTACTS

Contact your regional representative to find out more about your Regional Platform.

REGION	MAIN CONTACT	COMPANY	EMAIL
East	Alison Hartley	DanceEast	alison.hartley@danceeast.co.uk
North East	Cheryl Day	DanceCity	cheryl.day@dancecity.co.uk
East Midlands	Rebecca Streets	Dance4	rebecca@dance4.co.uk
West Midlands	Alex Henwood	DanceXchange	alexandra.henwood@dancexchange.org.uk
North West	Jade Aitchison	The Lowry	jade.aitchison@thelowry.com
London	Rebecca Denby	Trinity Laban	r.denby@trinitylaban.ac.uk
South West	Sue Smith	Dance in Devon	director@danceindevon.org.uk
South East	Sarah Kearney	South East Dance	sarah.kearney@southeastdance.org.uk
Yorkshire	Sarah Lyon	Yorkshire Dance	sarahlyon@yorkshiredance.com

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IT HAS BEEN AN INSPIRING AND WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. IT INSPIRED ME TO WANT A CAREER IN DANCE EVEN MORE.

**U.Dance Participant**

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## U.DANCE 2019 - THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL

**U.Dance 2019** 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 country.

### WHEN AND WHERE

**Saturday 20** and **Sunday 21 July 2019** at **Southbank Centre** in London

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Two main-stage public performances (19:30 – 21:30 each day) by a range of groups, presented at The Queen Elizabeth Hall (capacity 900).
- 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 the other evenings' performance 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 2019** warmly invites applications from youth dance groups working with young disabled dancers (up to the age of 25). To discuss making an application for an inclusive group please call 0207 713 0730.

**U.Dance 2019** is run by One Dance UK and will be partnering with Southbank Centre and a number of other organisations including Akademi and English Folk Dance and Song Society.

This year's event is non-residential and groups will be responsible for arranging their own accommodation and catering in London if they choose to stay overnight. This means that there is no set fee for attending the festival, however, groups should still 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.

## U.DANCE 2019 SHORTLISTING CRITERIA

The selection panel at county and regional events 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 to all (as demonstrated through the group's involvement at the Regional Platform)

## 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
3. Showcase excellent and authentic work from both schools and youth dance settings

## 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.

Up to three National Panel members will be joined by two Regional Panel members at each Regional Platform, which will include one young person, for example a One Dance UK Dance Ambassador and one regional youth dance expert.

Previous panel members have included Vidya Patel – South Asian Dance Finalist of the BBC Young Dancer 2015, Cath Wilkins – Former General Manager of GDance and Elsa Urmston - Chair of the International Association of Dance Medicine and Science Education Committee and One Dance UK Expert Panel Member: Children and Young People's Dance.

“ IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAD TAKEN OUR INCLUSIVE GROUP AWAY ON A WEEKEND; IT WAS REALLY ACCOMMODATING AND REALLY FUN. ”

**U.Dance Group Leader**



## ACCESS TO U.DANCE 2019

To help make **U.Dance 2019** 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 2019** 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** to 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 2019**.
- 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.
- Group Leaders may be asked to provide certain aspects of this information for the Regional Events.

A member of One Dance UK will be attending each of the regional platforms and be able to answer any questions you may have.

## CHILD PERFORMANCE LICENSING

One Dance UK is applying for Body of Persons Approval (BOPA) for **U.Dance 2019** from Lambeth Council. The provisions for this are yet to be agreed at the time of writing.

Further information will be given at regional platforms during the Group Leader's meetings.

If you are not familiar with the national child performance licensing please read the following documents and/or get in touch with your local authorities Child Performance Licensing Officer.

### **NNCEE Guide to Child Performance Legislation**

<http://www.nncee.org.uk/legislation-employment-a-entertainment/uk-performance-legislation>

In anticipation for your Regional Platform and possible **U.Dance 2019** performance we highly recommend that regular group leaders apply for a chaperone license from their local authority. Chaperone license are free but often take a few weeks (sometimes months) to process.

### **Become a licensed chaperone for child performers**

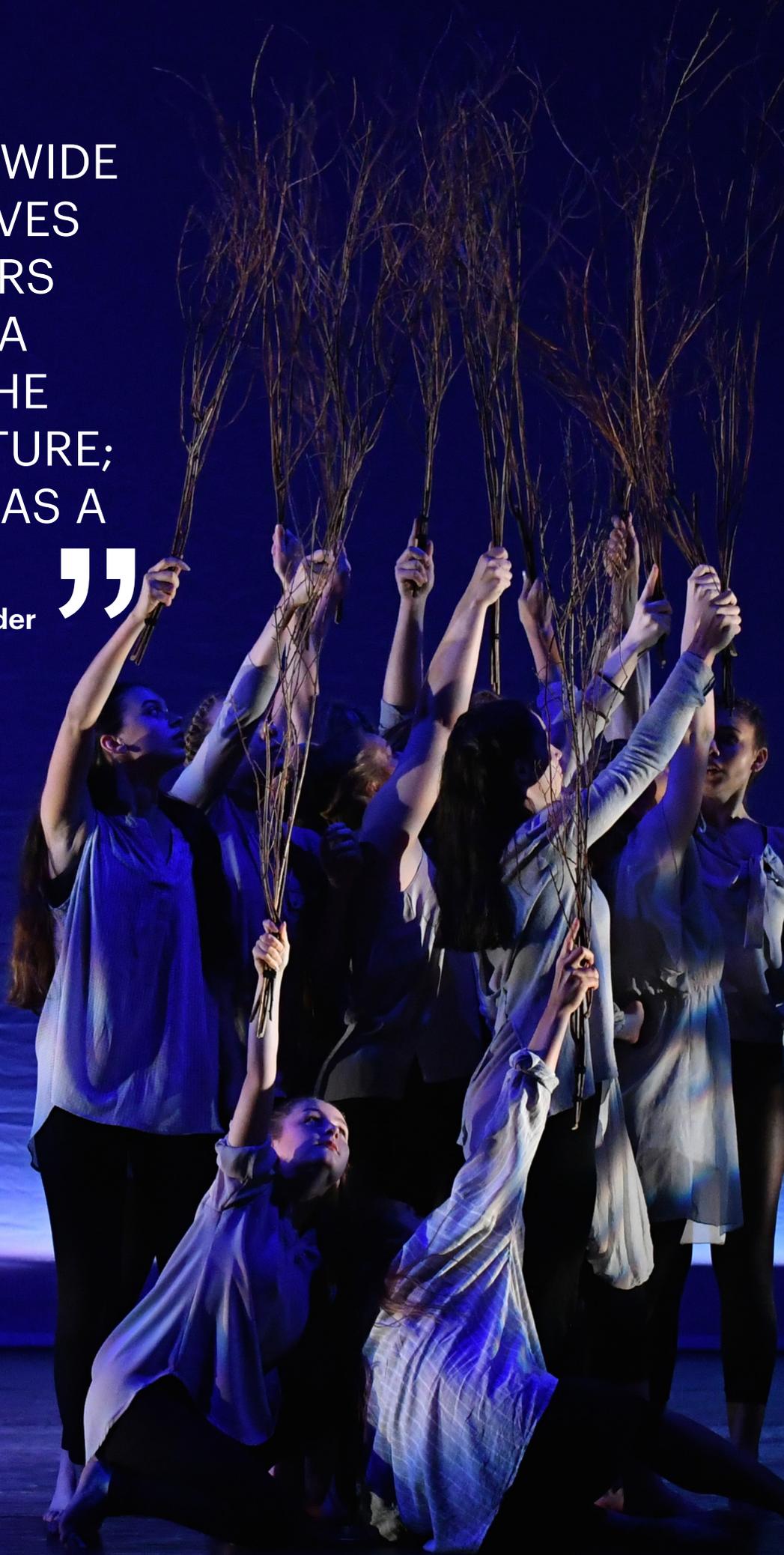
<https://www.gov.uk/chaperone-child-performers>

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U.Dance Group Leader

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## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOWCASE AT U.DANCE 2019

### YOUNG CREATIVE'S SHOWCASE

**U.Dance 2019** will offer young choreographers the opportunity to showcase their work through a Young Creative's Showcase stream.

Performances will take place on **20 and 21 July** in the Purcell Room at Southbank Centre, London.

**Choreographers aged 15 to 19 years old** will be invited to submit filmed work to One Dance UK in early Spring 2019.

Companies are welcome to apply for **U.Dance 2019** and to the Young Creatives' Showcase but the piece of work must be different.

The selection process and application form are being finalised, please look at the One Dance UK website for updates and email interest to [info@onedanceuk.org](mailto:info@onedanceuk.org) subject line 'Young Creatives'.

## U.DANCE On Screen

One Dance UK will be looking for short-films featuring young dancers, or dance films directed by young filmmakers to present at **U.Dance 2019**. Films will be presented at **U.Dance 2019** in London, celebrating the best in youth dance from across the country.

Selected U.Dance on Screen films will be added to the One Dance UK YouTube Channel, in a U.Dance on Screen 2019 Play List. They will also feature on the One Dance UK website for one year following the national festival and be promoted to the One Dance UK members and followers.

You can see the 2017 and 2018 work here:

<https://www.onedanceuk.org/programme/u-dance/apply-for-u-dance-national-festival/u-dance-screen/>

Submissions Open: Start of March / Submissions Close: End of April



**THANK YOU FOR READING.**

**GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR APPLICATION!**

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