



3rd September 2019

Dear Colleague

U.DANCE Cumbria 2020

Your school is invited to be part of U.DANCE Cumbria 2020. Organised by Active Cumbria, U.DANCE supports schools to create high quality creative dance within the curriculum & to celebrate this through performance.

This countywide secondary school's performance is always a truly stunning show so we would definitely encourage you to take part!

The secondary school's performance will take place at Theatre by the Lake, Keswick on Tuesday 11th February, 7.00pm. The event enables KS3/4 pupils and teachers to see each other's work, share good practice, raise aspirations and celebrate achievement. Unlike Rock Challenge, U.DANCE Cumbria is non-competitive but it does offer the opportunity to be nominated for One Dance UK's prestigious awards for Outstanding Choreography and Best Performance.

Schools are required to choreograph a 3 minute (minimum) dance from scratch either on their own, if confident enough, or with the help of a visiting dance artist.

We welcome applications from all secondary schools and sixth form colleges across the county. The maximum number of pupils per

group is 25 due to on-stage & behind-the-scenes space restrictions at the venue.

We especially welcome schools who have not previously participated.

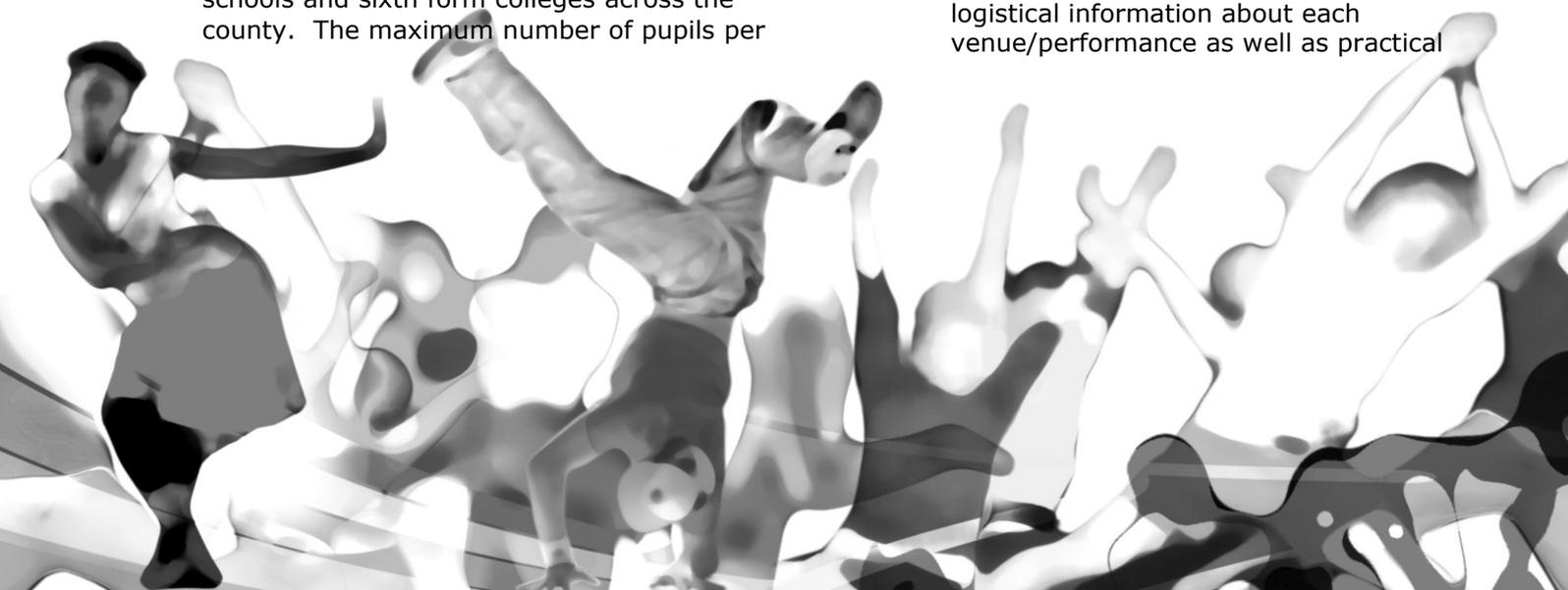
There are 12 places available so a selection process may be applied if the event is over-subscribed. Priority will be given to schools that:-

- **have not previously participated**
- **encourage NQTs or teachers new to the school/festival to lead this task**
- **have worked with a dance artist previously but who now feel confident enough to create work on their own**
- **demonstrate strong creative leadership & excellence in dance**

You can, of course, opt to perform as part of your 'local' U.DANCE event alongside your feeder primary schools in Carlisle, Workington, Barrow or Kendal **instead of or as well as** the secondary-only performance at Keswick. If you would like to perform twice, both at your 'local' U.DANCE event **AND** at the secondary-only performance at Keswick, then an additional £50 is payable.

The key features of U.DANCE are:-

- a compulsory practical half day INSET session led by Kelly McClelland. The teacher who is responsible for the group **must** attend the INSET which will cover logistical information about each venue/performance as well as practical





ideas for creating & rehearsing choreography, music selection & editing. The INSET gives teachers the chance to meet Kelly, who is the performance co-ordinator for the secondary school's performance, and also to meet your dance artist if you have requested one.

Secondary INSET - Thursday 14th November, 9.00am- 12.00pm, Newbiggin Village Hall, Newbiggin, Penrith, CA11 0HT.

- a dance artist to work in your school for 4 x 1 hour workshops to help create and refine your dance. *You can, of course, opt to produce a piece on your own if you feel confident enough to do so.*
- a visit, if needed, from your festival co-ordinator whilst you are creating your piece to offer helpful advice and guidance
- a technical rehearsal at the performance venue on the day of the performance
- a performance opportunity at Theatre by the Lake, Keswick, Tuesday 11th February 2020, 7.00pm

Technical rehearsals are held at the venue (starting at 3pm) during the afternoon of the performance and are an opportunity for the young people & teachers to see the quality of work being produced by other schools around the county.

The cost for schools working on their own is £130; and £230 for schools working with a dance

artist. Schools will be invoiced during the autumn term. This payment is non-refundable if a school pulls out after a place has been allocated to them.

Tickets for this performance will be sold through the Box Office at Theatre by the Lake at the price of £8.00 each. Tickets will go on sale from 13th November which is the date the theatre's brochure is released.

If you would like to take part in U.DANCE Cumbria 2020 please complete this on-line form – [U.Dance Cumbria 2020](#) - by Friday 11th October 2019. Late applications will not be considered. Schools will be notified of selection by email during October half term.

Should you require any further details about U.DANCE Cumbria 2020 please feel free to contact me.

We really look forward to receiving your U.DANCE Cumbria applications for 2020 and seeing your dances on stage next spring!

Yours sincerely

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