



South East Youth Dance Network Hub  
Oxfordshire Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes  
27 April 2010  
Stantonbury Campus, Milton Keynes

## Notes

**Apologies:** Rima Scott, Judy Munday, Helen Parlor, Sam McCaffrey, Allan Hutson, Judith Mandel, Claire Thompson, Paula Bailey, Laura Deacon

### **Attendance:**

Sally Tyrrell, Stantonbury Campus  
Trevor Harris, Stantonbury Campus  
Kirsty Sulston (nee Bell) South East Dance  
Catherine Gill, South East Dance  
Miranda Lawrence, Oxford City Council  
Jo Griffiths, Facilitator

### **1. Introductions were made.**

### **2. Our host venue**

Trevor Harris from Stantonbury Campus gave a short introduction about Stantonbury, which was formed in 1974 as an 'education village'. The Campus has an equal value policy, with staff and students on first name terms and sharing facilities equally. Stantonbury is a specialist arts college and the home of the Milton Keynes Arts Education Forum. MK AEF is a group of like-minded school and out of school providers, now funded by Stantonbury. It provides information and advice for practitioners and managers and also a directory of artists for schools. See [www.mkaef.org.uk](http://www.mkaef.org.uk) for more details. The Campus is run in 5 'halls' so is part of the small school movement despite being so large in total. The campus also incorporates a theatre, leisure centre, gallery and adult and community education centre. See [www.stantonbury.org.uk](http://www.stantonbury.org.uk) for more details or contact Trevor Harris, Arts College Manager on [Trevor.harris@stantonbury.org.uk](mailto:Trevor.harris@stantonbury.org.uk). Trevor kindly conducted a tour of the main facilities for the group. Dance – Sally Tyrrell, Head of Dance explained the approach to dance within the curriculum, where dance is compulsory up to KS3. They have a large dance specialist team (4 FTE) and lots of students at GCSE and a good ratio of boys. They try to concentrate on technical forms and stay away from street dance. There is a MK Secondary Schools group which meets every half term for dance – Sally will keep them informed about the Hub. Thanks to Trevor and Sally for their input to the meeting.

### **3. Moving Voices**

Catherine Gill presented details about this 3 year South East Dance programme for 16 to 25 year olds to volunteer in dance (and other roles in admin, project/event management, websites etc).

This project has some implications for the SEYDN Hub in Oxfordshire Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes, as it can provide the progression routes for youth dance so needed by members and local young people aged 16 to 25! **There are still opportunities to get involved!** Contact Catherine Gill [Catherine.gill@southeastdance.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.gill@southeastdance.org.uk) 01273 696844 for details. Attached is a presentation giving details about the project.





#### 4. Big Dance

Kirsty introduced Big Dance. This is a national initiative to increase participation in dance, launched in 2006. In 2010, the South East region is doing a regional event, 3 to 11 July 2010, funded by ACE. Oxford, High Wycombe, Portsmouth, Brighton, Kent and Surrey are involved. Each of these areas is creating a programme for the week. There is one dance phrase of movement for the whole South East groups can learn and perform to get involved. Schools can get involved by pledging to deliver an additional 15 mins of dance per day that week. On Friday 9 July there is a world record attempt to get as many people dancing as possible. London also have an opportunity to film yourself dancing in your venue and post this into a map of dance [www.bigdance2010.com](http://www.bigdance2010.com).

#### 5. Hampshire Dance/YDE Update

Jo presented this update – see attached, including:

- How to access SEYDN Funding – deadline 4 June 2010
  - SEYDN Hub Funding Awards panel – how to get involved in decisions
  - CPD opportunities
  - YDE Conference 2010 – freelance bursaries available to Hub members!
  - Dance Careers events – grants available from Hampshire Dance – deadline 1 June!
  - Dance Links – Courses and bursaries available for course in September
- Please see attachments for details at <http://www.oyap.org.uk/archive.html>

#### 6. A reminder of previously agreed actions:

Maximising the current popularity of dance

It was agreed that we can do much by focussing our efforts on small actions that work towards our goals.

Focusing on the priorities identified for action in the sub region, the following actions were agreed by all to be actioned now:

- All hub members to invite one person who uses youth dance in their work (but may be from another sector) to the next meeting
- All hub members to make contact with one person they have been meaning to but haven't – e.g. linking with a school, your local MP, Press and telling them about what you do and the importance of dance to your work. **(NB it was agreed that some training or further information on lobbying for youth dance would be useful. ACTION Jo to discuss how to access this with Sophie)**





- All hub members to identify how they can use social media and technology to better communicate their work. E.g. twitter, doodle poll for arranging meetings, blogging about work online.....
- All hub members to consider doing a project in the next round of funding in collaboration with another hub member. Details of the funding will be available by the next meeting.
- All hub members to contribute to an activity sheet which would better communicate our individual work and act as a planning tool to help reduce date clashes etc. Such a thing exists for an area dance group and Jo will speak to Sophie about feasibility of this, where online this should be stored etc. More information on this at the next meeting

Please contact Jo if you have any questions or concerns about these actions.

#### **7. Future meeting dates**

Wednesday 30 June 2010 2-4pm and 4-5pm

The Wye Valley School, New Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5BW

This session will look specifically at youth dance in schools and give details of potential links with professional companies that perform at Wycombe Swan. From 4-5pm, Sian Edwards, Advanced Skills Teacher will lead a practical session on the new GCSE set study dance.

Thursday 4 November 2010 10am to 12 noon

Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 7NE

This session will include details of the youth dance programme at Cornerstone and look at how venues can work successfully with young people. Other contents TBC.

