



**South East Youth Dance Network, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and  
Milton Keynes Hub meeting Wednesday October 19th 2011  
Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury**

**Present:**

Leonie Smith: Chiltern District Council

Sam McCaffrey: Woking Dance Festival

Judy Munday: Thames Valley Partnership and facilitator

John Coughlan: Waterside Theatre (part of meeting)

**Apologies:**

Claire Thomson, Paula Bailey, Rima Scott

1. **Tour of theatre:** many thanks to John for taking us on a tour of the theatre, which has been open for a year now. Northern Ballet Theatre is running dance workshops for a variety of age groups during this coming half term. Where possible, the theatre runs education and outreach sessions to complement the dance programme. Full details of forthcoming shows and workshops [www.ambassadorticket.com/aylesbury](http://www.ambassadorticket.com/aylesbury)

2. **Updates and sharing:**

Leonie: continues to run 2 street dance/street cheer classes for boys and girls in Chalfont St. Peter and Chalfont St. Giles. Interested in any activity which might be taking place round Big Dance next year (see below for further information) through the sports team and leisure centres.

Sam: Woking Dance festival is part of a South East Dance Grants for the Arts bid for activity around Big Dance July 2012. They hope to commission StopGAP to make a short phrase with a group of about 30 young people, which would then be offered to schools and other groups to learn so that they could take part in Big Dance on 7 July 2012.

Other current activity:

- 1) 9 November James Wilton Dance Company performing, contact Sam for special price tickets at £5 plus networking opportunity.
- 2) 11 November Take Over day, with young people aged 11 to 18 'taking over' the organisation, with a mix of theoretical and practical based work based on programming and choreography but also providing an insight into what young people would like to see happening in their area.
- 3) Take Over day links well with Young Ambassadors Scheme: a chance for 16-25 year olds to meet weekly, develop new skills and gain career advice.
- 4) 29/30 October: Robert Hylton residency and performance.
- 5) 17/18 December: Winter Shorts, commissioning a new piece by hip hop artist Jo Read.





6) 17/18 March 2012 Spring Shorts in partnership with University of Surrey.  
[www.wokingdancefestival.co.uk](http://www.wokingdancefestival.co.uk)

Judy: no dance activity at Thames Valley Partnership currently. Activate Youth Dance festival will take place at the Waterside Theatre on April 1st 2012. The Bucks Dance Partners group is temporarily suspended but the email group continues to exist.

3. **SEYDN updates:** as attached. This covers the Future of the SEYDN hubs, U.Dance 2012, resources, training courses and YDE young creatives. One more meeting in Spring 2012 is planned and then running of these hubs will come under South East Dance. We have the chance to ask a speaker, trainer or workshop leader to join us for this Spring meeting. If you have any training needs, thoughts on speakers or someone who could lead a fun workshop please let us know.

4. **Date of next meeting: Spring 2012**

