



South East Youth Dance Network Hub  
Surrey and West Sussex  
Wednesday 27 January 2010  
Surrey Arts, Woking

## Minutes

Present: Kirsty Bell, Anna Henry, Jo Hardy, Matt Walker, Marina Castledine

Apologies: Cindy Cox, Jan De Schynkel, Bernard Kilroy, Samantha Dew, Joe Bates, Gemma Coldicott, Natasha Mansfield-Osborne, Vikkie Steege Nicky Norton, Chay Burrows, Chris Reynolds, Rachel Deadman

### 1. Welcome

Kirsty reminded hub members that there are 4 meetings per quarter across the region and members are welcome to attend more than one meeting. The dates of the other meetings are; Kent, Medway, East Sussex and Brighton & Hove 16th Feb, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes 23rd Feb Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Berkshire 24th Feb.

The group agreed that we need to be proactively encouraging more teachers and sports partnerships onto the hub membership. The group also recognised that more members of the hub need to attend meetings. Matt mentioned how much he learns from the meetings and so will send an email to members encouraging better attendance at future meetings.

**ACTION: all hub members to spread the word about the hubs and bring one new person to the next meeting.**

### 2. Members update

Matt Walker – Urban Dance School

'The Grey Area', hub funded dance platform was a huge success. There is another event coming up called 'Be Italian', which is open to any group, any style to perform at. Matt is particularly looking for a tap piece. It will take place on 26/27 March at the Magna Carta Theatre in Staines. UDS are looking for funding for this and so Kirsty reminded everyone about the funding section in the SEYDN e-bulletin. Members offered names of VIPs to invite to this platform including local MPs. Kirsty mentioned that Dance UK have compiled a list of MPs interested in dance and so good to invite to any events around the region.



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**ACTION: Kirsty to circulate list of MPs interested in dance compiled by Dance UK**

Anna Henry – Freelance dance artist

Anna is working with Yr 5 at St. Bede's school in Woking delivering a dance project. Anna also works across Surrey in other schools delivering dance days and projects. She also volunteers with Woking Dance Festival. New Motion Dance Company is an audition based company based at The Spring, Havant. For more details contact [laura.doye@thespring.org.uk](mailto:laura.doye@thespring.org.uk).

**ACTION: Kirsty to send Anna details of practitioners involved in the 'Dialog' project in West Sussex.**

Jo Hardy – Surrey County Council

Surrey CC are working on an Early Years project with 'Telling Tales', which is programmed at the Electric Theatre on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. the piece is aimed at 4-9 years and there will be a workshop programme in a local school in Guildford engaging 150 children in one day. There is a special 'Interaction' event delivered by The Dance Movement in partnership with South East dance on 27/28 Feb – This is an early year's event for dance practitioners, producers, managers, programmers. Details attached to minutes.

Sport Unlimited have funded a Boys Dance platform on 20<sup>th</sup> March at Frensham Heights School. It is open to boys groups to apply. Fuzzy Logic will be performing and running workshops. Contact [jo.hardy@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:jo.hardy@surreycc.gov.uk). Kirsty mentioned the 'Lone Dances 2' project involving young boys run by South East Dance.

'Anecdotes in Time' is an intergenerational project involving young people and over 50's, which will culminate in a performance at Celebrating Surrey.

Celebrating Surrey is a large-scale outdoor festival celebrating the best of the county's music, art, community, performance, food and drink and takes place from 26 – 27 June 2010 at Loseley Park, near Guildford.

**ACTION: Kirsty to disseminate evaluation report from Lone Dances 2**

Kirsty Bell – South East Dance (SED)

Moving Voices is going from strength to strength. There is now active youth dance committees in Oxford and Brighton with Surrey and Kent being developed. On 6<sup>th</sup> November SED and Hampshire Dance took part in the national 11 million take over day. Both organisations allowed young people to 'take over' their offices for the day. SED and HD will be working together to help other organisations take part in takeover day in 2010. SED are delivering a best practice workshop in working with volunteers. The day will be





held at University of Surrey on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. For more information contact [kirsty.bell@southeastdance.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.bell@southeastdance.org.uk). SED's professional development programme 'Flourish' spring season has now begun. The programme includes practical workshops and discussions with high profile artists such as Arthur Pita, Rosemary Lee and Willie Dorner. See [www.southeastdance.org.uk](http://www.southeastdance.org.uk) for details.

### 3. Guest speaker - Marina Castledine from Arts Award

Marina gave an overview of the Arts Awards and how hub members can engage with them. Their mission is to support young people who want to deepen their engagement with the arts, build creative and leadership skills, and to achieve a national qualification. Through Arts Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, young people aged 11-25 can explore any of the art forms including performing arts, visual arts, literature, media and multimedia. The award builds confidence, helps young people to enjoy cultural activities, and prepares them for further education or employment.

Since its launch in 2005, Arts Award has grown quickly and is now flourishing in arts centres, colleges and schools, community projects, libraries, galleries, local authorities, theatres, youth clubs and youth justice settings. Key points covered were:

- The gold arts award is pending confirmation of UCAS points, we will find out in March
- There are training dates for hub members wanting to become Arts Award advisors or to register as a centre – details attached to minutes
- In-house training can be delivered to a group of 10 or more and is a cost effective way of accessing the training
- Regional projects can be profiled on the national website
- Arts Award information is available for people to use at events

[www.artsaward.org.uk](http://www.artsaward.org.uk)

**ACTIONS:**                    **Kirsty to ask HD to use Arts Award information at all training days related to the hubs to raise the awareness of the award**  
**Kirsty to check if hub funding can cover arts award training**





#### **4. Hampshire Dance / YDE Update**

This update is attached to the minutes.

#### **5. Next meeting date**

The next meeting will take place in May and will be confirmed shortly.



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