

Information & Guidance Notes

U.Dance South West 2020

Sunday 29th March 2020

at The McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater

The following information is intended for groups wishing to apply for U.Dance South West 2020, the South West's Regional Youth Dance Platform hosted by Take Art at The McMillan Theatre, Lower Bath Road, Bridgwater on Sunday 29th March 2020.

About U.Dance South West 2020 (Regional event)

As part of Spring Forward, Take Art is inviting groups aged 11-19 (and disabled dance groups up to age 25) to apply to take part in U.Dance South West 2020. This event is supported and funded by Pavilion Dance South West.

U.Dance South West 2020 will celebrate and showcase excellence in youth dance (in all forms and styles) from across the region. It is a fantastic opportunity for groups from across the region to come together to:

- Share their work and creative ideas
- Meet other young people with the same enthusiasm and passion for dance
- Be inspired through innovative workshops on the day
- Take part in technical rehearsals
- Watch and discuss the work of others
- Perform in a widely promoted public performance

Attendance at U.Dance South West 2020 is free.

About The Panel

A panel of dance professionals and young people will assess the applications and select a maximum of 14 groups that meet the below criteria to take part in U.Dance South West 2020:

- Demonstrate excellence in performance standards.
- Demonstrate integrity and authenticity of choreography.
- Demonstrate a strong example of the dance style/genre they are performing.
- Give 100% commitment to their involvement and respect all those involved.

If you have any questions about the application process for U.Dance South West 2020, please contact nadine@takeart.org or call 01460 249450.

About U.Dance 2020 (National event)

U.Dance South West 2020 will also act as a selection platform for One Dance UK's National flagship event, U.Dance 2020, providing the focal point for the national performance framework and youth dance performances taking place across the UK. Taking place on 17 – 19 July 2020 in Tramway, Glasgow.

Please see the additional Information & Guidance notes relating to U.Dance 2020, available at <https://www.onedanceuk.org/programme/u-dance/>, and indicate on the U.Dance South West 2020 Application Form if you would like to be considered for selection for the national event. The national panel will choose a small number of groups from the shortlisted groups that will be performing at the regional U.Dance event.

If you are selected to attend U.Dance 2020, advice and support are available to make the trip to Glasgow; however it is also worth thinking now how you will additionally fundraise for this opportunity.

U.Dance 2020 will include three nights of high-quality performances and participatory workshops. Don't miss the chance to be part of it!

Please visit <https://www.onedanceuk.org/programme/u-dance/> for further information about U.Dance and the Regional and National Events' Structure.

Application Form and Video Footage

The application form for U.Dance South West 2020 can be downloaded from <https://takeart.org/u-dance-2020>

The deadline for applications is **5pm on Friday 31st January 2020.**

Please complete the application form in black ink or black type using BLOCK CAPITALS.

If you would also like to be considered for a place at the National U.Dance 2020 event, please ensure that you complete the relevant section on the U.Dance South West 2020 Application Form.

Along with your application form, all groups will need to submit video footage of your performance or rehearsal. Ideally this will be footage of the piece you would like to bring to the platform at whatever stage of the process you are in. If you have not started rehearsing this piece before the deadline of this application, then please send us footage of a recent piece of the group's work. Video footage must be submitted either on DVD and sent to Take Art before the deadline, or via a link to the footage online. We are unable to accept applications without a link to video footage.

Once completed, your U.Dance South West 2020 Application Form and video footage should be returned to Take Art by email or at the address below.

U.Dance South West 2020 Applications,
Take Art, The Mill,
Flaxdrayton Farm,
South Petherton,
Somerset, TA13 3LR

Email: nadine@takeart.org (please include U.Dance South West 2020 Application in the subject line)

Groups will be informed whether or not they have been successful for U.Dance South West 2020 by Mid February 2020.

Thank you – Good luck with your application!