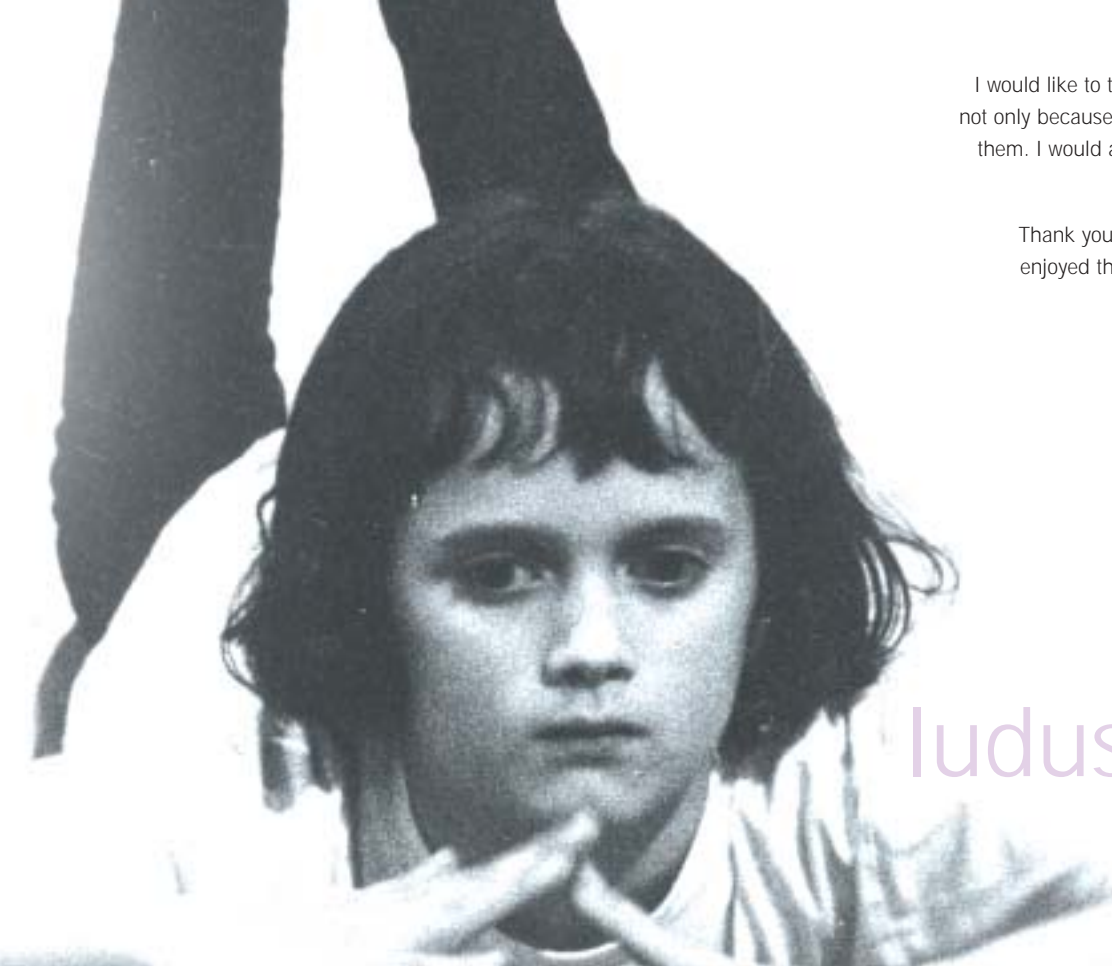


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dance development





The UK is universally acclaimed as a world leader in the field of community dance and for over 25 years Ludus has been at the heart of this innovative and unique movement. Based at the Ludus Dance Centre in Lancaster, the Ludus Dance Development Department delivers dance activities:

- throughout Lancashire (as lead organisation in County Dance Development)
- in the Northwest (as a partner in Northwest Dance Agency)
- as well as leading and participating in a huge range of projects throughout the UK and abroad.

I would like to thank you for your excellent workshop. I was really impressed – not only because of what you were teaching the pupils, but also how you taught them. I would also like to express the gratitude of the pupils who participated.

Head of Careers, Longridge High School, Preston

Thank you very much for coming to our Arts fortnight. The children really enjoyed their time with you and have been full of ideas and are obviously inspired by your input

Teacher, Trawden Forest Primary School, Colne, Lancs



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Based at the Ludus Dance Centre, the Department operates two key strands of development: -

- **COMMUNITY DANCE DEVELOPMENT**
- **COUNTY DANCE DEVELOPMENT**

The Dance Development Department (DDD) seeks to promote dance in all its aspects; artistic, educational, therapeutic, recreational, social and political. The DDD provides a comprehensive range of dance activities and is equipped to work with people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. The DDD works in partnership with individuals, groups, local authorities, statutory and non-statutory organisations, artists and professionals to further enable and extend the impact of its work.

Our highly experienced team of Community Dance Artists offers classes, workshops, projects, the creation of performances and showcases with community groups, training, INSET, as well as resources, consultancy, advice and information. Input from the DDD can take the form of anything from one-off workshops to long-term developmental input to a particular community. The Department is also able to provide a full 'amateur service', where a project or service can be initiated, delivered and evaluated. All the projects include comprehensive pre-planning and evaluation, with 'partnership' always central to any project.

The cost of each project reflects its nature, timescale and geographical location. The department can also provide advice on fundraising and financial management.



Community Dance Development

The team of Community Dance Artists (CDA) is supported by a wide range of freelance dance workers and artists, with extensive specialist skills and approaches and delivers a comprehensive and wide-ranging outreach programme across Lancashire and further afield. Dance in the community can take place in just about any setting, e.g. day centres, hospitals, youth and community centres, theatres, colleges, etc. and can involve working with a wide range of community groups:

Dance For Young People

ranges from 18 months to 25yrs.

The Department facilitates a number of Youth Dance Companies throughout Lancashire as well as annual Summer Schools and youth dance showcases.

Dance for young people can take many forms eg., school/curriculum based, extra curricular activities or wholly within the community.

Dance For The Older Person

The Dept welcomes the ever-increasing opportunities to work with elders. This work provides valuable, social, emotional, physical and recreational enjoyment as well as proven health benefits. The team also enjoys developing cross-generational projects.

Dance For Those With Special Needs

The Community Dance Artists (CDA) team is skilled in working with individuals or groups of adults and children, with learning difficulties, behavioural problems or physical difficulties. Sessions are always tailored to suit the specific needs of the group.

Dance For Students And Professionals

The Department offers a free weekly technique class for professional and advanced level dancers, at the Dance Centre. Also offered are a range of services for colleges and students at GCSE, A level, GNVQ, BTEC and degree level dance and performing arts. Sessions can be geared towards dance technique, creative dance, choreography, performance projects or practical/theoretical training for the teaching of dance in schools and the community.

The Dance Studio at Ludus is also offered to local dance artists for use, free of charge, for the creation of new work, or rehearsal of existing work.

Work Placements

Each year, the Department offers a number of placements for Dance students. In order to provide a challenging and enriching placement experience, we encourage placement students to 'become part of the team' whether out on the road, in the studio or in the office. Due to the heavy demand and to avoid disappointment, it is preferable for placements to be negotiated at least three months in advance.

Dance Centre Classes

Each year, the Department programmes three terms of classes and courses at the Dance Centre. These are open to all and appeal to every age and level of experience. The classes range from Contemporary to Street Dance, Ballet to Belly Dancing. The aim is to provide a high quality, safe, dance experience for everyone. The classes are taught by the CDA team and specialist guest tutors and are tailored to suit every need, be it, fitness, fun, creativity, acquisition of new skills, a new hobby or the opportunity to meet people. Courses usually run for between 10-12 weeks.

Collaborations

Whether working towards a Carnival or Festival or as part of a self-sustaining dance project, collaboration is at the heart of all the work.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DANCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT:
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From the moment you entered our school the professionalism of your company was obvious and all the students involved in the week's workshops learned so much about African style. The variety of movements, relationships, use of space and dynamics made a very powerful dance – congratulations.
I was impressed with the flexibility of your teachers who were willing to adapt and accommodate ideas and choreography to the changing climate e.g. numbers, school venue. The project was managed and carried out with great professionalism –
Head of PE, Deyes High School, Liverpool



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County Dance Development

COUNTY DANCE DEVELOPMENT provides a clear focus for dance and dance artists in the county of Lancashire, by continuing to develop an enduring infrastructure for dance.

This is achieved through promotion, advocacy, information-exchange, partnership, collaboration and strategic planning. Ludus and its work in the county is central to establishing the Northwest as a major force in national dance development.

The Department works in partnership with artists, companies, venues, promoters, local authorities, district arts officers, youth and community services, schools and colleges, social services and education to co-ordinate and initiate a range of county dance activities. These partnerships are key to the 4 major strands of development:-

■ DISTRICTS DEVELOPMENT

Partnerships with local authorities and district arts officers to enable dance projects and residencies, often with guest artists and companies of national/international calibre.

■ VENUES DEVELOPMENT

Working in partnership with theatres and arts centres to develop dance performance programmes and related education/outreach initiatives, with a view to developing new audiences for dance.

■ RESIDENCIES

Annual dance residencies with guest artists and companies, providing community access to a professional dance experience through workshops, projects and performances thus, heightening the profile of dance within the County.

■ SUPPORT AND TRAINING FOR ARTISTS

Small grants and bursaries to support dance artists based in, or working within the County. Funds support attendance at training courses and conferences, research and development, creation and promotion of new work.

The COUNTY DANCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER is based at Ludus Dance Centre and can advise on the following: -

Audience development, dance training and courses, dance artists and companies, sponsorship and fundraising, marketing and promotion, arts administration and the funding system.

County Dance Development aids the development and promotion of dance in the county of Lancashire. From national and international dance companies in residence to audience development schemes, from training and support for dance artists, to venue support and dance promotion. Whether you are an artist, a company, a venue, a promoter or indeed just a dance enthusiast, County Dance Development can assist you in a variety of ways.

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