



About Foundation for Community Dance

We are the professional organisation for anyone involved in creating opportunities for people to experience and participate in dance.

We believe that dance can transform the lives of individuals and communities. Our vision is of a world where dance is part of everyone's life, our mission to make dance important to individuals, communities and society.

Our leadership of the community dance network, and over 2,000 members, supports the development of community dance in the UK and internationally, through inspiring events, training and publications, an information-packed website, and extensive member support services. Our current development projects include dance, health and wellbeing, dance and London 2012, dance and disabled people, and the National College for Community Dance.

To find out more or to join us as a member visit www.communitydance.org.uk
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From the editor

Community dance practice as it has developed in the United Kingdom is regarded as pioneering and inspiring. It has been a model for developing similar work elsewhere in the world, with British dance artists in the field leading projects and training programmes in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

That being said I am increasingly interested in seeing how artists starting with similar values and commitment to art, dance and people have developed this 'community dance' practice in response to their own culturally specific contexts, and seeing what we have in common and what we can learn afresh from their experiences.

To that end I invited artist and writer Pegge Vissicaro, who I first met at an international conference on community dance in Lisbon some years ago, to curate a series of articles that reveal some of the issues and practices currently at play in the USA.

In addition Linda Jasper, Director of Youth Dance England presents her ambitions for the next ten years of development for youth dance which is set alongside an article by Jane Ralls calling for similar developments for the adult population, and an example of such work from Liz Atkins, based at Laban.

The benefits dance can bring to the health of the wider population have often been rehearsed in the pages of *Animated*, so it is good to see a major national charity, Diabetes UK, proposing to use dance as a major part of its development strategy in the coming months.

Ken Bartlett, Creative Director, FCD

National College for Community Dance

Inspire, nurture and sustain your dance leadership

New seminars

These seminars aim to lift your horizons to see what is happening for others and share your own experiences in valuable days out to reflect on and develop your practice.

Dance and evaluative practice:

29 January 2011, Yorkshire Dance

Dance and sport collaborations:

30 January 2011, Dance East

Look out for updates on these seminars and booking information on our website.

Handbooks on sale now

Four new handbooks for practitioners, written by leading artists and packed with essential knowledge:

An induction to professional practice in community dance by Diane Amans

Dance and disabled people by Isabel Jones

Dance and age-inclusive practice

by Ruth Pethybridge

Dance, health & wellbeing by Miranda Tufnell

Now all available from our online shop.

Special offers for FCD Members.

www.communitydance.org.uk/shop

Upcoming Courses

For newcomers or refreshers

Dance South West are running two *Passport to Practice: Induction to Professional Practice in Community Dance* Courses in Gloucestershire and Somerset between January – March 2011.

Contact James Rooke on 01392 436547 /

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For advanced practitioners

This three-day course in January 2011 offers an opportunity for community dance artists with over ten years of experience to evaluate their practice and identify new directions.

Contact lisa@communitydance.org.uk

www.communitydance.org.uk/nationalcollege

Member Services

Are you a community dance artist or organisation?

Promote your work through FCD's online directory

Members of Foundation for Community Dance are entitled to an entry in our exclusive online directory. It's an opportunity to invest in your own or your organisation's profile, share your dance interests and expertise, and connect with other members. With 14,500 unique visitors to our website each month and excellent search engine rankings for dance-related searches, this is a great opportunity and what's more it's free to members.

Adding yourself to the FCD Members' Directory is really easy – you can even include a biography, logo and link to your website. Just visit our website, login, go to your 'profile' and follow the links.

www.communitydance.org.uk/directory