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## About FCD

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**Foundation for Community Dance (FCD) works to support the development of community dance in the UK and internationally. Our vision is for a world where dance matters to everyone, our mission to make participation in dance vital to society, people's lives and their communities.**

We believe that dance can transform individuals and communities, and that everyone has the right to dance. We also believe the people that make community dance happen should be supported in their work, have their interests represented and contribution to the arts profiled.

### What we do

We support a network of over 1,700 individuals and organisations – some 4,600 like-minded professionals and supporters – including dance artists, organisations and teachers; colleges and universities; funding and policy organisations and local government. We do this through:

- **Providing information and support** including a magazine, newsletters, an information-packed website, insurance scheme and Criminal Records Bureau disclosures.
- **Representing the sector and advocating on its behalf** across national and local government, arts policy makers and funders, and other sectors of the arts.
- **Leading strategic development programmes** that include: training events, conferences, publishing, networking opportunities and campaigns. Currently our focus is on: dance, health and well-being; London 2012; inter-cultural dialogue; disability; international profile and workforce development.

### Benefits of membership

We offer a range of membership packages, from £15 - £85 per year, which include you in the community dance network in the UK and internationally, and provide:

- Three issues of Animated magazine
- Fortnightly e-newsletter packed with job opportunities, a bi-monthly members newsletter, access to our information, advice and guidance services
- Free attendance at exclusive Members Networking Events, plus priority notification and reduced fees for our other events, courses and publications
- A listing in our online Members' Directory
- A Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure Service (England and Wales)
- Access to a Public Liability Insurance Scheme (UK)

## From the editor

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**Ken Bartlett**, Creative Director,  
Foundation for Community Dance

This issue focuses on some of the different ways that dance artists are approaching health issues: a project that encompasses the wider health issues of participation in dance through a partnership between dance and the sports sector in East London; dance's contribution to a mental health project; and Protein Dance working in a hospital school. Finally we look at an ambitious international initiative of the Connect Team at Sadler's Wells, which worked with young people in the UK and Namibia looking at HIV and sex education.

We have also developed further our Professional Framework for Community Dance and this issue publishes some current definitions of community dance, a set of core values for the profession and a code of professional conduct. These were identified during our original consultations with FCD members and the dance sector more generally as priorities, and have been produced with the support of our development partners. The article sets out some of the ways in which we hope you can use them to support your work, test their effectiveness, and let us know what you think.

In the coming months we will be publishing a series of policy documents that the staff and Board of the Foundation for Community Dance have been working on, to assist us to clarify our priorities for the coming period and to assist our members in providing a rationale for them to engage in these areas of work. The policy areas are: Dance and 2012; Dance and Disabled People; Dance and Health; Workforce Development and community dance in an International context. Our intention is to evolve future issues of Animated to reflect all of these priorities, to better support our readers and associates in their work.

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