

DanceXchange Schools Package

Who Are We?

DanceXchange is a professional dance agency based in Birmingham Hippodrome. For over 25 years, we have played a pivotal role in the growth and development of dance in the Midlands, connecting audiences with great dance, championing some of the UK's best artistic talent, and nurturing young performers, choreographers and leaders. We are passionate about dance and we want everyone to enjoy the positive transformations it creates.

Our New Schools Package

Experience tells us that working with schools is a vital way to engage the next generation in dance, and to develop the audiences, performers and leaders of the future. We also know that many schools value professional support in delivering dance and developing their teachers. That's why we have created a new dedicated schools package.

Benefits:

- An experienced dance practitioner in your school, one day a week during term time
- Weekly dance sessions tailored to your needs, based on the national dance curriculum
- Sessions to nurture and encourage positive mental wellbeing, social interaction and empathy
- Potential to use dance to support cross-curricular and topic-based learning
- After school clubs, holiday projects and summer school activities
- Links to DanceXchange's performance programme, with inspiring touring companies and choreographers
- Opportunities to connect with Birmingham International Dance Festival, as audiences and participants
- Support with Arts Mark and Arts Award
- CPD sessions for your dance and PE teachers
- Taster opportunities for DanceXchange's Centre for Advanced Training and Generate programmes
- Opportunities for secondary schools to create dance initiatives with their feeder primary schools
- Access to a wealth of dance expertise and industry knowledge, through the DanceXchange team

Cost: Schools can pay £6000 +VAT per annum to have a professional dance practitioner based in their school one day a week for every week of the school year, or £3250 +VAT for half a day a week. We are also open to discussing alternative models, for example, with two or three schools sharing a package across the year. Please note, primary schools would be able to use their Sports Premium to support this cost.

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A little more about DanceXchange

We present and produce UK and international dance with a focus on work that is current, new and choreographically driven, and that is artistically ambitious, engaging and inspiring. We also provide packages of support for Midlands-based artists and choreographers to help them develop their practice and help them build sustainable dance careers. We are committed to supporting and developing high quality dance that resonates with our city's young and diverse audiences.

For young people, we run a Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) in partnership with Sampad South Asian Arts, that provides high level training for talented young dancers aged 11-18, equipping them for future careers in dance. This is complemented by Generate, a new CAT feeder programme for 9 - 13 year olds with potential. We also run a recreational class programme, with weekly classes for people aged 3-60+, in a range of styles and at different levels, to enable development and progression.

Our largest project is Birmingham International Dance Festival (BIDF), an award-winning biennial festival which brings inspiring international dance to the city's theatres, showcases local talent, takes over Birmingham's streets and squares with exciting free performances, and creates lots of opportunities for people of all backgrounds to get involved. BIDF also delivers professional development events, debates and workshops, opening up a valuable space for dialogue, collaboration and sharing of ideas.

DanceXchange is proud to be an important part of making Birmingham a place where dance and dance artists can flourish.

For more, visit DanceXchange.org.uk

