

## National Youth Dance Wales 2019

In 2019, National Youth Arts Wales will work in partnership with National Dance Company Wales (NDCWales) to deliver a professionally-led, intensive training experience to inspire Wales' most-talented and committed young dancers.

With a tailor-made programme specially devised by NDCWales' Artistic Director, Fearghus O'Conchuir, this year's activity will provide NYDW 2019 members with first class training, an insight into life as a dance professional and an opportunity to create and perform a new piece of work. Working at the Dance House, you will be immersed in a professional environment, and exposed to working with some of the most exciting dance artists working in the UK and beyond today.

### Who is it for?

We are looking for talented young dancers aged 16 – 22 years who live or were born in Wales and who regularly engage in dance classes through their school/college, private dance school and/or with their local youth dance company.

Entry into the National Youth Dance Wales ensemble is via an audition process.

### What is involved?

This year, in an exciting new development for NYDW members, there will be a two-phase residency programme aimed to provide focussed training and development according to a member's individual needs.

#### Phase 1

##### 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August & 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August

Two short residencies where members will spend time both as a company (attending class, Yoga and Pilates sessions and social activities etc) as well as time in separate groups depending on their experience to date.

##### Phase 1 includes:

**Training** – designed for those dancers who are not yet in professional training. These sessions will focus on providing members with additional technical training, learning repertoire and creative sessions.

**Creative** – designed for those dancers in professional training. Dancers will work with a choreographer to create a short work to be presented at the sharing at the end of the residency.

**Sharing** - On the 26<sup>th</sup> August there will be informal performance where all members will have an opportunity to present what they have been working on to an invited audience.

#### Phase 2

##### 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November

Open to all members, but specifically to those involved in the training strand of Phase 1. NYDW will run a 5-day residency during October half term where, as well as having NYDW specific sessions every evening,

members will join the NDCWales Associates to work on the creation of a new piece of Dance to be presented at an informal sharing on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Performance Opportunities:**

We anticipate that both pieces created in each Phase will be performed as curtain raisers for NDCWales *Roots* performances that will take place at the Dance House as part of Cardiff Dance Festival. A further performance may be scheduled as part of Youth Dance Night on 8<sup>th</sup> December. We aim to confirm these performance opportunities before the residency commences.

### **Who will you be working with?**

National Dance Company Wales makes innovative work with and for all kinds of people in all kinds of places, helping to model how we could be individually and collectively. The company presents its work in different formats and contexts across Wales and around the world, commissioning primarily choreographers who haven't yet been commissioned in the UK.

NDCWales is committed to inspiring audiences and to making opportunities for all kinds of people to engage in dance in all kinds of different ways.

Classes and repertoire sessions will be delivered by a range of guest teachers and choreographers associated with NDCWales.

### **NYDW Residencies**

Dates:

**Phase 1** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019 & Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Phase 2** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Venue: The Dance House, Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay

### **Auditions**

Regional auditions will be held during April 2019. Applicants must be aged between 16 – 22 years on 31st August 2019 and must be able to demonstrate active involvement with dance at an advanced/intermediate level.

### **What should you expect at the Audition?**

Auditions are a half day and all applicants will participate in a contemporary technique class, learning repertoire and a short creative exercise as part of the audition process. Further details will follow once we have received your application.

### **Where & when can you audition?**

14 April Cardiff

15 April Swansea

16 April am Caernarfon

16 April pm Wrexham

17 April Aberystwyth



## How much does it cost to audition?

The audition fee is £20 (non-refundable)

## How do you apply?

Apply online via [nyaw.org.uk](http://nyaw.org.uk) or, if you would prefer to receive an application form by post, please contact us.

## Application Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

**Applications received after the deadline can be considered but only if places are available.**

## How much does the Residency cost?

With the generous support of our funders, NYAW are able to subsidise each place by at least 50% of the actual cost however we are asking for a contribution for each phase as follows:

**Phase 1** – £270

**Phase 2** – £230

This includes:

- **All** tuition
- **All** accommodation costs
- Three meals a day
- A small contribution to a social fund

Your contribution can be paid in one go or spread out in easy instalments following an initial deposit payable in May on acceptance of your place.

## What if you can't afford it?

We are keen to ensure that **no-one** is deterred from applying for NYDW for financial reasons. All applications for financial assistance will be treated in strictest confidence and we can help to cover the audition fee as well the residency costs. Please contact Alex James at the National Youth Arts Wales for more information on bursaries or email [alexjames@nyaw.org.uk](mailto:alexjames@nyaw.org.uk)

## Further information

If you have any questions about the auditions or the residency please contact NYAW on 029 2063 6466, visit [www.nyaw.org.uk](http://www.nyaw.org.uk) or email [jamiejenkins@nyaw.org.uk](mailto:jamiejenkins@nyaw.org.uk)

