



# NEWS FROM DANCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

## It has been a long time but we're back with a bang...

I have recently been appointed as the new Dance Development Officer and am keen to pick up from the fabulous work Jenny Milne did for us. I have experience working in both the education and community sector as a dance artist and project coordinator. My strong passion for dance and its development in this region will hopefully drive the work we plan to do in the future. I look forward to meeting you all very soon and seeing the fabulous work that is already being done.

The **Fylde Coast Dance Directory** is being tweaked as we speak and will be available to view on the new **Dance Development Blog** very soon. The directory will provide information of all classes on the Fylde Coast to help increase participation. If you have dance class/workshop information you wish to add to the directory please email the session name, style, venue, day and time of meeting along with contact details to [sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk)

Inter Dance - Catherine Wilks has worked extremely hard on preparing a funding bid for our main priority **Intergenerational Dance**. ([catherinewilks@live.com](mailto:catherinewilks@live.com) 0797 4139728) Catherine and I met recently to discuss the next steps for this project which hopes to start April 2012... more news to follow.

Central Library are currently working with us to provide dance opportunities at the upcoming **Wordpool Festival**. Look out for tea dances and solos in the library on 10th /12th November (see below for more details).

A huge congratulations goes out to the **Grand Theatre** who earlier this year secured NPO status from the Arts Council –

“The Grand Theatre, Blackpool is to receive £360,000 funding from the Arts Council to turn into a regional centre for contemporary dance... The award marks the first time any arts organisation on the Fylde has secured this type of regular income. The funding will be used to not only encourage promising young dancers - but also to develop a new generation of contemporary dance audiences... The Grand will also be able to attract the very best contemporary dance companies to Blackpool to perform and run workshops for local performers and students.” (Grand Theatre Website Sept 2011)

This is sure to be an exciting year ahead, but all this work needs to be driven by you! Please support your Dance Cooperative and keep us up to date on all the fantastic work that is going on across the region.

**Sarah Hall**  
(Fylde Coast Dance Development Officer)



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER...



Dancers performing in Fashion Show at Under the Town Festival



Alice through the Winter Gardens



New Adult Streetdance classes at ECN Bodyworks



Hundreds of dancers take over St George's Centre, Preston for the Preston Dance Jam 2011!

### 26th – 28th August UDO Championships

FY West Coast was the only Troupe to take part in this Event and had great success. Their over 18 team came 4th in the Newcomer category and had one student come runner up in the Under 16 Breakdance category, which was a massive achievement.

### Friday 1st September Under the Town Festival

As part of the fantastic Under the Town festival 13 young people performed in three Fashion Shows throughout the day. The fashion shows included dance choreography and creative movement to sell and promote the outfits. The festival was organised by young people through the Blaze initiative, in which they also gained their Gold Arts Award. Congratulations and well done to all those involved.

### 13th – 18th September Alice through the Winter Gardens

The Winter Garden's latest, and most unusual, production, Alice Through The Winter Gardens, took place between 13th and 18th September 2011. Armed only with a few peculiar props and their wits, audiences hunted for clues, solved riddles and discovered keys that unlocked magic doors as they were guided around the Winter Gardens by an assortment of extraordinary characters.

This production was a unique opportunity in the venue's 133 year history for audiences to see the villages in the Spanish Hall, the majesty of the Baronial Hall and tiptoe backstage at the Opera House. Many beautiful rooms that had not been open to the public before featured on the journey through the building. [www.alicewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.alicewintergardens.co.uk)

### Saturday 8th October Preston Dance Jam

Nearly 200 dancers came together in St George's Shopping Centre, Preston to perform the Preston Dance Jam to unsuspecting passers by. The day started out with a sharing of dance talent from Preston and beyond and finished with this mass event all in the build up to Preston Guild 2012.

# CURRENT CLASSES

## Adult Street dance classes

New Adult Streetdance Workouts (no dance experience needed), Monday 7pm @ Bispham High School—all ages, Thursday 6.30pm @ Ansdell YMCA Lytham (14-25yrs), Friday 7.30pm @ Ecn Bodyworks (by Wickes, Preston New Road)- All ages  
www.mimi-dance.co.uk or facebook page mimi-dance.

## Burlesque

Join Bella Besame at Ludus Dance Studios on Friday 11th and 16th November from 7.00pm - 9.00pm to learn the intriguing art of Burlesque. Sessions are for 18 years and over and are £20 each. To book visit: <http://www.ludusdance.org/dance-classes/autumn-dance-classes/friday---burlesque>

## Simply Salsa dance classes

No partner, no problem. Learn salsa or increase your existing skills on Monday eve - Hampton Rd Social Club, Hampton Rd, South Shore Blackpool, FY4 1JB or Tuesday eve - North Shore Golf Club, Devonshire Rd in Blackpool, FY2 0RD. Contact Donna 07949369989/dlmd52@hotmail.com [www.simply-salsa-dance-classes.co.uk](http://www.simply-salsa-dance-classes.co.uk)

## Skiptrix Dance and Fitness Academy

New studio has just opened at Peel Corner Preston New Road, Blackpool above (M55 Cars). Classes include Rock 'n' Roll, Swing Fox, Argentine Tango, Latino, Sequence Ballroom, Latin American & Zumba for adults and Cheerleading, Street, Ballet & Ballroom for children. During November they are going to give 50p from each participant's class fee to the British Heart Foundation. [learn@jicdance.com](mailto:learn@jicdance.com)

## Social Dance Evenings

Social Dance evenings held at Drive Methodist, St Anne's in Ballroom, Latin & Popular Sequence on the 5th & 19th of November, 3rd, 17th and 28th of December. The events are held from 8.00pm - 11.00pm and are £3.00pp. Contact Winston on 01253 782717.

# FUTURE EVENTS / WORKSHOPS

## IN NOVEMBER

### 1st November 7.00pm Put a Plug In It, Wigan

Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust in association with Ludus Dance and The Over 50's Forum are proud to invite you to the performance of Put a Plug In It – an intergenerational dance, film and technology project. The performance is held at Fred Longworth High School, Tyldesley. Tickets are free but booking is essential. Contact Vicky Fletcher on 01942 828219 or email [v.fletcher@wlct.org](mailto:v.fletcher@wlct.org) - [putapluginit.webs.com](http://putapluginit.webs.com)

### 8th November 6.30pm Body Matters - Wyre and Fylde Dance Festival

The Winter Gardens Empress Ballroom play host to the Wyre and Fylde Dance festival in partnership with the Hilton in the Community Foundation and the Wyre and Fylde School Sports Partnership. The festival will raise money for Donna's Dream House, Progress Recruitment and Brian House Childrens Hospice and aims to increase participation of children from Wyre and Fylde in a large community project. 28 schools are taking part and the show will celebrate the human body, emotions and celebrations culminating in an Olympic style closing finale. Contact Louise Brunskill - [l.brunskill@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.brunskill@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk)

### 10th November 2.00pm – 3.30pm Tea Dance - Wordpool

As part of the Wordpool festival, Central Library are holding a tea dance afternoon giving you the opportunity to reminisce about the good old days of dancing. The sessions will give you the opportunity to learn some new steps and/or show off the ones you already know! Booking is not essential but for further details and to put your name on the register, contact [sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk) or call 01253 478238. [blackpoolwordpool.wordpress.com](http://blackpoolwordpool.wordpress.com)

### 10th and 12th November Choreography Lab - Wordpool

For budding young dancers aged 14 – 18yrs (Yr9 – Yr13). Schools and Colleges in the Blackpool area can take part in a choreography workshops from 9am – 1.30pm on 10th November where they will learn new skills in creating movement based around the theme of words. The work they create will then be performed from 11am on 12th November around the library building. The workshop and performance are free of charge, however booking is essential. To confirm places for your school/college group, email school name, contact details and number of participants to [sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk). Web: [blackpoolwordpool.wordpress.com](http://blackpoolwordpool.wordpress.com)

### 11th November 2011 Noches de Salsa Party Night

Friday 11th of November at the Co-operative S&S Club, Preston New Rd, Blackpool, FY4 4RE. 8.00pm to midnight. Beginners to Advanced. For more details contact Carol 01253 401941 or 07967768582 [www.noches-de-salsa.co.uk](http://www.noches-de-salsa.co.uk)

### 20th November 12noon - 3pm Marie Curie Dance-a-thon

Marie Curie Cancer Care's Dance-a-thon challenge, Blackpool, is an opportunity for people of all sizes, ages, and fitness levels to come together and keep moving for three hours of continuous dance. The event is held at The Winter Gardens with dance styles which will change every half hour, including Zumba, cheerleading, disco, line-dance, belly dance and pop music video choreography. Registration is £10 and a minimum of £50 sponsorship must be raised.

[www.mariecurie.org.uk/en-gb/events/dancing/dance-a-thon-blackpool-2011-8865/](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/en-gb/events/dancing/dance-a-thon-blackpool-2011-8865/)

### 20th November Strictly Come Dancing at the Tower Ballroom

Strictly Come Dancing migrates back to the spiritual homeland of ballroom for a special broadcast from Blackpool's famous Tower Ballroom. The special edition of the programme is on Saturday 20 November 2011. Ticket allocations for the show have now closed but catch it on TV on BBC1.

## IN DECEMBER

**3rd December**

### **The National School's Competition**

This event, organised by the United Dance Organisation, is being held at the Winter Gardens bringing together budding young dancers from schools all over the UK. To get involved in the qualifying heat in Blackpool, contact Samantha Bell at [fywestcoast@live.co.uk](mailto:fywestcoast@live.co.uk).

**5th December**

### **Festival of Dance**

Blackpool Schools and Colleges Festival Of Dance is once again taking place at the Winter Gardens Opera House on Monday December 5th 2011. Tickets

are available now from the Winter Gardens Box office or from Blackpool Live [www.blackpoollive.co.uk](http://www.blackpoollive.co.uk)  
£5.00 Adults and £3.00 Child/concessions.

**7th December 7.00pm**

### **Starmaker Christmas Showcase**

Starmaker, a performing arts academy from Poulton are hosting their Christmas showcase at Thornton Little Theatre on Wednesday 7th December at 7:00pm. It will be packed full of talent and excitement; tickets can be bought by calling 07546813697.

**20th December 1.00pm – 4.00pm**  
**Social Dance Afternoon**

Enjoy an afternoon of dancing in one of the World's most beautiful ballrooms. This is the perfect way to socialise and exercise with friends and family. Entertainment will be provided by Mr Steve Tovey and Mr Cameron Lloyd with organ music for dancing. Tickets are available from the Winter Gardens Box Office, either in advance or on the day. Tickets are £5pp including a glass of sherry and a mince pie. [www.blackpoollive.co.uk](http://www.blackpoollive.co.uk)

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Deadline 30th November**  
**U Dance 2012 – NorthWest Regional Platform**

Don't miss your chance to be a part of U Dance 2012. To get there you need to take part in your regional U Dance showcase. Applications for the NorthWest platform close 5pm 30th November 2011. [www.u-dance.org/main.cfm?type=REGPLAT](http://www.u-dance.org/main.cfm?type=REGPLAT)

**Deadline 4th November**  
**YDE Young Creatives applications now open!**

Are you a budding choreographer? Would you like to create new work, get one-to-one mentoring from a professional choreographer, attend a top-class residential programme and see your work performed on stage at the Royal Opera House? YDE Young Creatives

does just that. Designed for 15-19 year olds, the programme aims to give young choreographers all the skills needed to create high quality dance. Application deadline is 4th November 2011, 5pm. Download application form here: <http://www.yde.org.uk/main.cfm?type=YCAPPLY>

## LOOKING FOR WORK

**Volunteer needed to help with Dance Update Newsletter**

Approx 2.5 days, bi monthly, build information around an existing template. Just need to collect information from Dance Coop and other Fylde Coast Networks, research relevant Dance webpages and compile a draft in Word for Daryl Brown, Blackpool Council Communications section. Assistance would be much appreciated! Contact [sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk)

**Fylde Coast Dance Cooperative**

Are you a dance artist/ dance teacher/ dance practitioner working on the Fylde Coast? Then we want to hear from you. The dance cooperative began in Sept 2009 and is looking for more dance artists to help design and inspire the work that happens across the Fylde Coast. If you are interested in being a part of this network, email [sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.hall@blackpool.gov.uk).

**Dance Assistant Required**

Looking for part time dance assistant to teach in schools possibly a few hours a week, must have full CRB and drive, contact [mich-ll@hotmail.com](mailto:mich-ll@hotmail.com) for more information.



## A Level Dance argument

On the day the A Level results were announced, David Willetts, higher education minister, made a statement regarding the strength of subjects such as Dance, suggesting they should be worth fewer points in the fight to join university. Caroline Miller, Dance UK's Director, is currently making phone calls to Arts Council England and others and is formulating a press response in support of A-level dance. Read the full article here.

## NorthWest Dance Website

Over the last few months, NorthWestDance have been working very hard to bring you the brand NEW website which is now LIVE at [www.northwestdance.org.uk](http://www.northwestdance.org.uk) for all you budding dancers, enthusiasts and dance professionals to see, interact with and sign up to today!

Signing up to the website will benefit all Individuals, Practitioners and Organisations within the North-West region and Nationally

throughout the UK! You will receive regular newsletters and updates, and if you are a Practitioner or Organisation you will be able to quickly and easily Upload Events and Opportunities, such as workshops/ classes, performances, CPD, jobs and work experiences which will feature amongst our Learn, Watch and Opportunities pages. A major advantage for ALL Practitioners and Organisations is the chance to be featured in our Dance Directory, where you or your company will have your own Printable Profile, which all users will be able to see!

## Useful websites

[www.artshub.co.uk/uk/](http://www.artshub.co.uk/uk/) the latest arts jobs, news and debate.

[www.artsjobs.org.uk/artsjobshome/](http://www.artsjobs.org.uk/artsjobshome/) the place to find out the latest arts jobs and news, locally, regionally and nationally.

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## CONTACT US

Please email any activity you wish to report on, promote or any ideas Include day, date, time, place, what, info, contact, photo. Deadline end of 3rd week of the even months.

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