

Shadowing Disability Dance Artist Opportunity – Staffordshire

February – July 2012

Dance Connected are looking for a number of shadowing dance artists to assist in the delivery of a disability dance project which links the Aiming High programme to Get Dancing a 'Dancing for the Games' project for Staffordshire.

Led by Isabel Jones, Artistic Director of Salamanda Tandem the projects will take place in 5 specified locations in Staffordshire, including Tamworth, South Staffordshire, Staffordshire Moorlands, Newcastle-Under-Lyme and Stafford. A number of shadowing dance artist will assist the specialist disability dance artist in the devising and producing of a series of workshops over the February half term, Easter half term and during the summer holidays in each of the identified districts and boroughs which enables disabled participants to be involved in a fully inclusive opportunity.

It is hoped that participants who enjoy the project will be able to continue their interest in dance by joining one of the 'Dancing for the Games' district or borough dance projects.

The Activity/Service will target the following groups
a) Children and young people with autistic spectrum disorders and other impairments, such as severe learning disabilities or who have behaviour which is challenging.
b) Children and young people with complex health needs which includes those with disability and life limiting conditions and those with physical, cognitive or sensory impairments.

Learning Opportunities

The shadowing artists will gain valuable experience of working on the Aiming High programme with lead specialist Isabel Jones that will include:

- Supporting with the creative process as well as the practical delivery of the Get Dancing project as a shadowing artist.
- Gaining valuable practical delivery skills with a range of disability groups



- Training opportunities including day intensives and weekend courses to support the practical element
- Deliver activity for our client groups, supported by more experienced artists
- Increase their experiences and skills through engagement with Dance Connected associates and the Aiming High team for Staffordshire
- Feed into research and a longer term resource around the provision of high quality disability led dance
- Strengthen their links to a regional and national network of disability and integrated dance specialists.
- Attain CPD points in association with Salamanda Tandem and the Foundation for Community dance

Period of Shadowing Opportunity: February half term – w/c 13th Feb 2012
Easter half term, Summer Holidays, Training days
(Please note that the shadowing dance artists must be available for all the training dates stated)

Artist Fee: This is a voluntary opportunity. Some expenses can be claimed.

Deadline for applications: Wednesday 1 February 2012

Interview Date: tbc

How to Apply:

For full details about this opportunity and how to express an interest, please submit a current CV and covering letter detailing why you are interested in this opportunity.

Or contact Dance Development Officer Alison Lord:

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