



Calling Volunteers for NOW Northwich 2019!

Now Northwich is an international dance and street arts festival that's returning to Northwich, Cheshire, on Saturday 5th October 2019. The event will host a series of outdoor street performances from a number of companies at site specific locations around the town centre of Northwich from 1pm to 9pm.

Now Northwich, part of the Without Walls Creative Development Network is organised by Cheshire Dance in collaboration with Cheshire West and Chester Council, Northwich Town Council and Baron's Quay, and is supported with funding from Arts Council England, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Northwich BID, Charcoal Blue and via Members Budgets.

Key aims of the festival are to:

- Showcase the town in a positive light – locally, nationally and internationally.
- Programme exceptional work which is surprising, engaging and extraordinary.
- Inspire, involve and invigorate audiences, participants and artists.
- Act as both a showcase and a springboard for the town's year-round cultural achievements and ambitions.
- Work with local people to create a sense of community ownership and to build a model for the future.

Northwich Needs You!

We are looking for a number of local volunteers to help make the festival a success. If you can spare time between 12noon and 9pm on Saturday 5th October and would like to help with one of Northwich's most anticipated events, then please read on!

As a volunteer, you are key to a successful event by being an ambassador for Northwich and helping people to enjoy both the programme and the town itself. You will be given a briefing prior to your shift and allocated one of the following roles:

Street Ambassador – this will mean working in pairs at some of the key locations in the town centre, either at a performance space or at one of the local venues. You will be our eyes and ears on the ground. As part of this role, you will need to answer questions about the festival and the town centre –and generally be helpful to visitors.

Artist Runners – You will be extra hands (and legs!) of support for our artist liaison team; helping to ensure artists get to the right locations on time, and ensuring the artists have a great time at the festival themselves as well!

Street Evaluators – This role is super important to the festival as we need to collect and collate people's information and opinions of the festival. You will be equipped with an iPad and will need to engage people in answering a few questions about the festival. This will help us to plan and develop the festival for next year.

Arts and Craft Helpers – With a Family Fun Palace at Northwich Library and a creative space in our family zone, we need extra pairs of hands (and eyes) to help smaller festival visitors get stuck in with arts and crafts activities.

Performance Assistants – This year's headline act requires a team of assistants to help wheel around large scale structures for their show during the procession route. As such, a rehearsal will be required on the day before and volunteers are asked to commit to the following days/times: 4th October from 9am until 8pm with a 2-hour lunch break (lunch will be provided), and on the day of the performance (5th October) from 3pm onwards.

What's required from you as a volunteer?

- All roles require people to be friendly, enthusiastic and helpful. You may be given a specific role but might need to help out in other ways. We are one team so 'teamwork' is essential.
- You need to be 18 years old and above.
- Most roles will require a good level of mobility including being on your feet for long periods of time – a good pair of comfy shoes is a must! If you do have concerns about this, we can ensure you are positioned in roles and locations that are not too demanding. Please let us know!

We are asking people to commit to the following dates/times:

- Briefing: Friday 4th Oct, 7-9pm Barons Quay Northwich (essential).
- Event: Saturday 5th Oct, 12noon to 9.30pm Barons Quay Northwich – or part of the day. If you can help for the whole day, that would be fantastic!

If you'd like to be part of NOW Northwich 2019, please complete the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/2JSWCwaBMqyUmuoz8>.

For more information, please get in touch with Cheshire Dance on: 01606 861 770 / hello@cheshiredance.org / www.nownorthwich.co.uk.

