



We are very excited to have launched our new **Dance and Dementia film**. The film celebrates the work that we have been delivering in **Cheshire East** in the hospital and community settings. Like all Cheshire Dance projects the work that we deliver is entirely dependent on funding. If you value the work that we are doing and would like to see this work continue then please spare a couple of quid by going to our Donate page <http://easydonate.org/CHES003>.

Summer 2018 is packed with performances from professional artists, students and community groups. The **NOW Dance** series continues with a platform on the **7th June** at the **University of Chester** showcasing professional artists and community groups and then on **6th July** at **Winsford Academy** for the **NOW Dance** youth festival. We will also be performing as Flamingos throughout the summer months at **Chester Zoo** as part of their **Wild Worlds Festival**. The launch of this project is on the **26th May** and brings together professional artists and community youth groups. The summer will end on a high at the **Northwich Festival** - a packed programme on the **6th October** will see lots of dance through the streets of **Northwich Town centre**.

We are offering free workshops to producers and dance artists with an aim of exploring how we can grow and develop our work together if you would like the opportunity to articulate and share your own work, to meet, connect, and explore together then read on....

Dance, Health and Wellbeing

Dance and Dementia Film

Our Film documentary has launched. It is an inspiring and thought provoking film that celebrates older peoples' work on **In THIS Moment**, Dance and Dementia project in Cheshire East both within a hospital setting and out in the community. During the film you will meet some of the healthcare workers that championed the project as well as venturing out into the community sessions and visiting some of the participants who share their positive experiences about dance. The film also shows **Jody Morgan, Lead Artist** for the programme and **Jane McLean, our Creative Director** delivering their bespoke duet that travelled around the corridors, outpatients and the bays of two wards (21b and 6) at **Leighton Hospital**. Combining performance with one to one participation, dance permeated and illuminated the intimate and for some, intimidating environment of the hospital wards, co-creating joyous moments with residents.

This project was nominated for a **PENNA (Patient Experience Network National Awards)** in the category '**Partnership Working to Improve the Experience**'.

Go and check out the film here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XR2RARL7sgY&t=5s>

To help insure that this work continues and would like to donate then go to <http://easydonate.org/CHES003>



Dance to Health (Falls Prevention)

All six sessions of the **Dance to Health** project we are delivering in partnership with **AESOP** and **Cheshire East Council** are now underway, each with excellent attendance and positive responses from participants. There are two sessions in each of the following three towns; Crewe, Congleton and Macclesfield. The project employs five Dance Artists and four Assistant Dance artists, contributing significantly to artist employment in Cheshire East. For more information go [here](#)

Dance and Young People

REWIND



Cheshire Dance and **Theatre in the Quarter** are currently working again with the young people of Blacon to create a piece that they will perform at different sites in Blacon during the summer. They will tour the local primary schools on the 12th and 13th July and are at the **Blacon Festival** on the 7th July.

DMPC (DOPE Male Performance Co)



The boys have been busy performing at regional North West platforms **U:Dance** in March and the **Big Up North** Dance platform in April as well as performing curtain raisers for the **BalletBoyz** and **Motionhouse** at the **Storyhouse** in Chester.

DOPE and **DOPE Development** have also been successful in being awarded funding from a 'Youth Social Action' grant from **Cheshire Community Foundation**. This grant is to support the growth of **DOPE Development** and has two key strands:

- Improving the access to dance for boys in a hard to reach area, addressing issues such as health and wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem and financial barriers. Youth-led by Jack Robinson and **DOPE Male Performance Company** members.
- Developing skills of the group in volunteering and community fundraising in order to ensure the sustainability of the group. We will invite experts in this area to facilitate further skills development and sustainable engagement. We will also invite communications experts in to support the boys on how they can develop their existing interest in social media and film to tell their story through the development of creative content.

DOPE are fundraising to enable them to perform at more platforms across the region, the boys would really appreciate your help. If you are able to help support the boys then click [here](#) to 'gofund' them. Don't forget to follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to see what they are up to. If you would like them to perform at your event or you know a business or an individual who would be interested in sponsoring them then please contact jane.atherton@cheshiredance.org

is telling us and calibrate our responses in a way that supports others' well-being.

For further information on this workshop go [here](#) – Or to book on go to [google forms](#). There are only 15 spaces available and are available on a first come first paid basis. Book on before **31st May** to receive the Early Bird discount.

Safeguarding in Dance – Date TBC

Cheshire Dance will be delivering its annual **Safeguarding in Dance** training in September at Winsford Library keep your eyes peeled for a date. If you wish to book on email jane.atherton@cheshiredance.org there are limited number of spaces for more details go [here](#).

Inquiring Bodies 5



An enriching day at the **University of Chester** with **Ella Mesma, Baris Yazar, Funmi Adewole** and **Stella Subbiah Uppal**. Go [here](#) to view the gallery from the day.

Lab Space at Cheshire Dance

Don't forget that if you are making work Cheshire Dance have a free space that we want to share with you. Times and dates to use this space do need to be confirmed in advance.

This month has seen **Patricia Mateus, Bettina Carpi** and **Claire Henderson Davis** in the studio. Next month **Carli Trigg** is in residence with **Max Ashcroft** from **DOPE**. If you would like information about our studio or to book in then email

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Dance Performances and Audiences



Now Dance 2018 – Unique Dancers

On the 8th May **Cheshire Dance, Vivo Care Choices, Dance Syndrome** and **More Reasons to Dance (Bluecoat, Fallen Angels)** presented an hour of distinctive performances by dancers from diverse backgrounds and physicalities. Celebrating the unique work created with and by people with disabilities and people in recovery these pieces shared alternative perspectives and modes of performing and interacting with the world.

NOW Dance 2018 – 7th June



Hosted by the **University of Chester** Performing Arts Department, **NOW Dance Platform** is a celebration of Dance in Cheshire and the **Creative Case for Diversity** bringing together dancers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, both community and professional, to perform and share their passion for the art form. The line-up will represent all aspects of Cheshire Dance's programme and aim to represent the diverse dancers and groups working across Cheshire. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <http://www.cheshiredance.org/nowdance/index.html>

Wild World – Chester Zoo – 26th May– 30th September



Cheshire Dance is producing with [Lauren Tucker](#) and collaborators [Gary Lloyd](#) (music), [Frances Heap](#) (costumes), [Dan Lowenstein](#) (Film), [Josh Hawkins & Nicolette Whitely](#) (dancers), [Homegrown](#) & [Dope Male Performance Company](#) and [DOPE Development](#) (young dancers) are creating a piece of dance inspired by the animal senses and behaviour of Flamingos. To read more about the project and for performance dates go to <http://www.cheshiredance.org/Zoo%20Wild%20Worlds/index.html>

NOW Dance Youth 2018 – 6th July



Cheshire Dance are looking for children and young people's dance groups to showcase their dance pieces at an evening dance platform on Friday 6th July, at **Winsford Academy** Grange Ln, Winsford CW7 2BT. The event is for Cheshire schools groups, private dance schools, community dance groups, and youth dance performance companies from Cheshire and surrounding areas. We are looking for dance pieces to be shown in a friendly, supportive, community focussed event. If you have a youth group that would be interested in being part of this evening of dance then go to <http://www.cheshiredance.org/nowdance/youth.html> to see how you can join in.

Northwich Urban Festival – 7th July



Cheshire Dance working in partnership with **Northwich Town BID** and **Groundwork Cheshire** are delivering a participatory urban dance festival that brings together local schools groups, youth providers and existing Cheshire Dance Groups. The performance project will present a series of pop up performance on Saturday in **Northwich Barons Quay**. The aim of the day is to use urban and contemporary dance to celebrate the community spirit within Northwich and to celebrate youth voice and identity. The performance will be enhanced by the presence of a live DJ and some professional free styling b-boys and b-girls.

Some of the groups involved will be going onto perform alongside professional dance and street companies in Northwich, **6th October 2018**, more on that soon.

Recruitment

We are seeking volunteer **Trustees** in the Cheshire area to complement our current board. We are particularly looking for applicants with a background or experience in **Human Resources, Marketing, Legal, Fundraising** and **Policy Development**. Cheshire Dance values diversity in its workforce as it does in its artistic programme. We aim to attract a mix of applicants from different backgrounds, going further than simply reflecting the stakeholders and geographic areas we currently serve. If you would like to join the team or know someone who would and would like to know more about what being a board member then go to our website [here](#) for full details.

At a glance key dates for your diary

May

23rd – Dance Systems CIC – Dance and Mental Health CPD <https://www.dancesystem.co.uk/>

26th – Launch Wild Worlds Festival – Professional Dancers and Young Peoples Dance Groups
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/performance.html>

30th – Takeover the Park – <http://www.actiontransporttheatre.org/TakeOver2018>

June

7 - NOW Dance - Workshops 1pm – 6pm – Kingsway Campus, University of Chester
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/nowdance/index.html>

7 -NOW Dance – Platform 6.45 – 9.45 pm – Kingsway Campus, University of Chester
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/nowdance/index.html>

19 – 25 - Take Refuge Under My Shade that will be performed during refugee week at Storyhouse Chester <https://www.storyhouse.com/event/take-refuge-shade>

July

6 - NOW Dance Youth –Winsford Academy
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/nowdance/youth.html>

7 – REWIND performances – Blacon Festival

7 – Northwich URBAN Festival – more information to follow soon on our website
www.cheshiredance.org

12 & 13– REWIND – Schools Tour

12 - Salford: Flying Low and Improvisation workshop with Ben McEwen
<https://www.facebook.com/events/593767477649272/>

21- 22 - Between You and Me – Professional Development with Miranda Tuffnell and Filipa Pereira-Stubbs <http://www.cheshiredance.org/Betweentyouandme/index.html>

August

18th - Wild Worlds, Chester Zoo - Professional Duet Performances
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/performance.html>

19th - Wild Worlds, Chester Zoo Workshop – Public Participation
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/performance.html>

September

1st Wild Worlds, Chester Zoo - Professional Duet Performances
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/performance.html>

2nd Wild Worlds Workshop, Chester Zoo – Public Participation
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/performance.html>

29th Wild Worlds, Chester Zoo – Professional Duet Performances
<http://www.cheshiredance.org/performance.html>

October

6th Northwich 'Save the Date'. More information coming soon to our website
www.cheshiredance.org

Cheshire Dance News

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to **Debbie Cowley** and **Ivy Wong-Tebbits** who both started Cheshire Dance the week commencing 16th April. Debbie Cowley is our new General Manager and will be working 3 full days a week. Ivy is providing support in administration and is going to be working 2 mornings a week.

We have said good-bye to **Emily O'Shea** who completed her years emerging dance artist placement with us here at Cheshire Dance. We continue to work with Emily on a freelance basis as she is currently working with groups from our Dementia and Dance to Health programme. We wish Emily lots of luck in her future dance career.

Bekky Story is back working with Cheshire Dance on a temporary basis, she will be concentrating solely on the Northwich project culminating on the 6th October.

Cheshire Dance has been successful in securing **Arts Council England Catalyst** funding to support evidence gathering, fundraising and longer term sustainability of dance development.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Cassie Morgan**, Cheshire Dance Freelancer on the birth of her baby girl Beatrix Margaret Morgan on the 10th April.....

Jack Robinson has won the **'Inspirational Youth Worker' Award** at the **CWaC Youth and Community Awards** on 22nd March for his work with **DOPE** and **DOPE Development** – big congratulations to Jack on winning this award I am sure you will all agree this is well deserved

AND FINALLY ...

You will be receiving a GDPR email from Cheshire Dance in the next couple of days to update your preferences in mail-chimp. We understand that there is a lot of requests for this at the moment however if you do want to continue receiving updates about our work then please take a minute to click on the link and opt in.

If you have details of work or dates that you would like to share in **Wildfire** or on our twitter and facebook feeds then please contact jane.atherton@cheshiredance.org. The next wildfire will go out in Sept/Oct, we would love to hear from you and share what is going on across Cheshire and the North West. **Get in touch before 6th September 2018** to include your work.

If you are an under-graduate or post-graduate student looking for a placement or shadowing opportunities then please get in touch with jane.atherton@cheshiredance.org to discuss.



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