

NDN (National Dance Network)

NDN is a meeting point of organisations whose primary role is the development of dance in the context of presenting, programming and commissioning.

Vision

To work together to achieve a thriving, risk taking and confident dance sector in Britain, where UK based choreographers have the opportunities to research, create and present world-class work that is promoted nationally and internationally.

Mission

NDN will champion and challenge the creation and presentation of dance as a contemporary art form within a UK and international context.

Objectives

- Initiating and managing key projects of national and international significance in relation to mission
- Artistic direction and financial development of BDE
- Developing projects in relation to improving coordinated touring of dance at different scales
- Initiating ambitious joint projects to develop the commissioning and production of new dance works

Criteria for Membership

Application is open to all who meet the criteria. Potential members apply via an application form demonstrating how they contribute to the vision, mission and deliverable objectives of NDN (in no more than 500 words).

The applying organisation will nominate the Director or senior post holder (who should be a dance specialist) and will attend meetings regularly. Delegation and additional staff attending is not an option, in order to ensure continuity of practice and inform decision making processes.

Assessment

The Executive will assess each application against criteria and confirm membership application as appropriate. The annual cycle will be:

- October: Review membership and initiate a call to apply,
- January: Decision made
- April: Member joins

Assessment will be:

- Informed by the completed application form
- Establishing that potential member is leading an organisation that has a proven track record in meeting the criteria.
- Can pay a membership fee
- Contributing to a geographical spread
- Contribute to BDE2010

All of the above criteria should be fulfilled. Membership criteria will be reviewed every 2 years.

Membership Subscription:

The membership fee covers the period the period April – March. The subscription is **£1000 *(+VAT)**

Members Values and protocols

Being aware that it is a 'Network' and not a forum for airing grievance in public. All members will agree to:

- Operate at the highest level of professionalism and integrity at all times
- Respect all members and their contributions
- Create an environment that is concerned with honest, openness and trust
- Accepting and respecting difference

Protocols

The NDN will ensure best practice and smooth running of the network through:

- Making notes at each meeting and sub working group meeting and distribute to all members.
- The Chair ensures actions are dealt with after each NDN meet
- If a Grievance cannot be resolved personally then it must go to chair
- To encourage openness and the sharing of information, Chatham House Rules apply*
- Chair reserve right to moderate discussion

* "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed" (www.chathamhouse.org.uk)

NDN status / finance

- NDN will rely entirely on subscriptions and be accountable to its members
- When additional funding is required for projects, the network will be researched at sub-group level, and agree at a full NDN meeting. Applications for funding will be submitted and managed by the lead organisation allocated to said project
- The legal and administrative status of NDN will be reviewed each year
- NDN will be supported by a co-ordinator (primarily in terms of the coordination of meetings), this co-ordinator will be adopted, for line-management purposes, by one of the Executive Committee

How to pay your membership subscription:

NDN requires at least 20 members to ensure good representation of the sector, geographical spread, and financial viability. Membership subscriptions will be collected by Dance 4. Payment is by cheque, made payable to Dance 4 on receipt of an invoice.

British Dance Edition (BDE)

- **BDE** – NDN is committed to financially supporting BDE2010, however the future of this support needs to be brought to full membership for debate in order to move forward in the future.

NDN Subscription includes:

1) Coordination costs

These costs include:

- Cost of coordinating meetings with membership by two's company
- Future hosts of meetings will provide free meeting area but contribution to refreshments will be available
Cost of postage / telephone

2) Contribution to BDE 2010

3) Seeding development of other projects as appropriate in agreement with the membership.

General

Decision making and meetings

- Final decisions will be made by the NDN membership, based on a simple majority- a quorum of two thirds of the membership must be present at any decision-making meeting (no postal votes)
- Meetings will be set in advance (2 per year of main group plus sub-group meetings as required)

NDN Executive (current)

NDN is a membership organisation, supported by an elected Executive Committee. Executive Committee posts will run for 2 years to a maximum of 4 years if re-elected. If an executive member serves for 4 years, once resigned the executive member may be re-elected following 2 year gap.

The Executive members rotate when resign/re-elected in order to ensure continuity and that people do not all leave at the same time. This is reviewed once per year.

Executive are elected through nominate self or nominated by the membership. Voted on with a membership majority vote. Chair should be elected for a minimum of 2 years.

Meet 4 times per year with two of those meetings prior to full NDN membership meet. The current Executive are:

- Karen Gallagher (Chair)
- Morag Deyes
- Kiki Gale
- Anthony Baker
- Marie McCluskey

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