

BRITISH DANCE COUNCIL TEACHERS' COMMITTEE



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WORLD DANCE DAY 2011

World Dance Day is promoted by the International Dance Council (CID) in conjunction with UNESCO.

On 29th April dancers and dance enthusiasts worldwide will be celebrating World Dance Day. The object of World Dance Day, which has been held on 29th April every year since 1982, is to attract the attention of the wider public to the art of dance, emphasis being given to addressing people who do not normally participate in dance events.

Dance Day events may be special performances, courses, open public rehearsals, lectures, exhibitions, articles in newspapers and magazines, dance evenings, radio and TV programmes, street/shopping mall shows, tea dances etc. These events can embrace any dance style.

Anyone interested in publicizing dance and encouraging greater participation of the public can organize their own event. Wherever possible it is advantageous for activities to be organized jointly with a non-dance organization, such as a government agency, public school or business enterprise as this offers wider publicity opportunity.

Entrance to the events is usually given free of charge, although some organizers make a small charge which is given as a donation to charity.

The British Dance Council Teachers' Committee hopes that everyone will embrace World Dance Day and organize a suitable event to introduce the wider public to the wonderful world of Dance.

For more information:

www.cid-unesco.org



Diabetes UK

Diabetes UK will be running 50 Roadshows nationwide during 2011. These Roadshows will be offering free risk assessments to the public and will be using dance as a way of promoting more exercise to help prevent the onset of diabetes. Local Dance schools will be given the opportunity of displaying their details at the Roadshows. If you would like further information about this opportunity,

further details are available from: www.diabetes.org.uk . Go onto the website and put 'Roadshows' in the search box.



I.S.A
(INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING
AUTHORITY)

Following a change of government in 2010, the introduction of a compulsory registration with the ISA has been put 'on hold' whilst the authorities review the vetting and barring scheme and scale it back to 'common sense' levels. In the meantime it is still the duty of all those involved in regulated activity with children and vulnerable adults to ensure that they hold an up to date Criminal Records Bureau check. All such checks must be renewed as necessary until further notice. The new regulations introduced in October 2009 will still apply. These are:

- A person who is barred from working with children or vulnerable adults will be breaking the law if they work, or try to work, with those groups.
- An organization which knowingly employs someone who is barred to work with those groups will also be breaking the law.
- If your organization works with children or vulnerable adults and you dismiss a member of staff or a volunteer because they have harmed a child or vulnerable adult, or you would have done so if they had not left, you must tell the Independent Safeguarding Authority.



THE BDC TEACHERS' COMMITTEE

The committee was formed to look after the needs of social dance teacher. This committee is YOUR committee and will welcome input from all dance teachers. If you have any matters that you would like the committee to

consider please contact the Honorary Secretary, Jan Williams:

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