

# DANCE EAST YOUTH FEST

**GET INVOLVED!**

**YouthFest** is a FREE dance festival for 14-25 year olds taking place on **Saturday 9 November, 1-5pm** at DanceEast. A day for celebrating the joy of dance, coming together with friends, and taking part in an exciting range of workshops and activities.

The festival celebrates young people in our community and we would love for you to get involved! You can do this in any, or all, of the following ways:

## **Bring a Dance!**

There will be lots of opportunities to dance with your friends at YouthFest, but why not create your own short routine and be part of our big 'dance off' at the end of the festival! With the YouthFest DJ bringing the tunes, the final hour of the festival will culminate in one big party in the studio theatre and a 'dance off' where the dancefloor opens with an invitation for groups and individuals to let loose and show off their best moves.

There will also be opportunities for flashmobs in the foyer throughout the afternoon, so get in touch to chat to us about your ideas!

## **Get creative!**

This festival we are asking young people in the community, what does dance mean to you? Using the prompt 'Dance is...' you can respond with one word, or a whole sentence, as individuals or as a group, and create some artwork to be displayed at the festival, as we fill the DanceEast foyer with the words and creations of our community. You can drop these off in advance or bring them on the day.

## **Share your work!**

On the day we will be showcasing screen dance works on the TVs throughout the building. So if you / your students have any dance films that you would like to share at the festival, this is an amazing opportunity to present your work we can celebrate you! Additionally, if you have dance photography or artwork that could be displayed in our gallery, we would love to hear from you.

## **Come along!**

Most importantly, the best way to get involved is to attend the festival. A youth festival can only be created by the involvement and attendance of the community, so we need you! The day will consist of many amazing dance workshops covering lots of different dance styles. There will be an interactive tech and dance workshop, and if you enjoy being creative, there will be drawing workshops and other fun activities to get involved in. The DJ will be filling the venue with music all afternoon, so there will be something for everyone and lots of reasons to move and have fun!