



## Dance in Education

The Dance Review 2012 (link below to report) which was produced by Creative Scotland in consultation with the dance sector, highlighted areas that could be improved with regards to dance in education.

<http://www.creativescotland.com/resources/our-publications/sector-reviews/dance-sector-review>

In this report concerns were raised about the lack of specialist dance teachers in schools, the lack of a dance Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) in Scotland and the overall standard and quality of curriculum dance in some areas/schools. There are examples of high quality curriculum dance programmes being delivered in some areas, but there are also examples of non- dance specialists in schools struggling to deliver the appropriate standards and content.

Creative Scotland received several proposals that focused on developing this area, looking at providing additional qualifications and support. Creative Scotland have supported two of these proposals, highlighted below;

1. Y Dance, the national youth dance agency for Scotland will lead on this development in partnership with Glasgow University. This in-service programme would give non-dance teachers the opportunity to enhance their professional competence in the area of dance for young people aged 3-14 years and would be designed for General Teaching Council-registered teachers and approved by the University of Glasgow. It will provide two courses, (during twilight hours in order to not disrupt their teaching day) one in the central belt and one in the Highlands. This is for a minimum of 20 registered General Teaching Council teachers and the course is worth 20 Masters level credits. Y Dance will start implementing their 'Delivering Dance Teaching in Scotland' course in Autumn / Winter 2015.

Link to their website: <http://www.ydance.org>

2. The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS) have developed a brand new qualification called, 'Masters in Education in Learning and Teaching in Performing Arts'. This programme has been developed to support dance specialists to gain a qualification to support them teaching in schools and have the opportunity to register to the General Teaching Council. Places on the course are fully funded for Scottish domiciled applicants and RCS will be allocating 10 fully funded places to dance students. The programme offers either a 2 year or 3 year completion option and is designed to enable people to use current work commitments to complete the practical elements of the programme. The programme will be delivered using a blend of online classes/tutorials, weekend seminars and work-based/placement. The application deadline is the 31 July 2015.

For further details about the programme and how to apply;

<http://www.rcs.ac.uk/postgraduate/ma-learning-teaching/#introduction>

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