

## Dance Base Scotland is recruiting an Artist Advisory Group

Dance Base is Scotland's National Centre for Dance. We encourage and celebrate the potential for dance in everyone. Our work includes public programmes of dance classes in our premises and online, as well as using dance to support people's health and wellbeing. Our professional programme supports the development of a diverse and talented range of dance artists in Scotland, who maintain a connection with the world but primarily make their careers in this country.

As part of our commitment to bring more voices into our strategy setting and decision-making processes, we are establishing the Dance Base Artist Advisory Group – a group of dance artists who will provide advice and reflections to the Dance Base team as we allocate opportunities and design our strategy moving forward. This is a paid opportunity for those working in and with dance in Scotland to support us to serve the country's dance sector more effectively. The membership of the Artist Advisory Group will reflect the diversity of dance and dancers in Scotland, with particular focus on representing communities with protected characteristics.

We are initially recruiting a group of ten individuals to work with us from September 2020 to the end of March 2021 and they will play a central role across several of our projects, including our new programme of artist development which we have been able to provide thanks to the Performing Arts Venue Relief Fund. We are committed to embedding a model that incorporates transparency and artist led decision making into our future structure. We will use this initial period to work together and investigate the process with diverse voices from our Scottish dance community.

### Group Purpose:

- Advise Dance Base on the organisation's overall strategy
- Support effective decision making on funding opportunities for dance artists such as commissions and residencies
- Promote opportunities generated through Dance Base to wider communities and networks

### Membership Criteria:

- Currently or recently active in the professional dance sector in Scotland
- Engaged with the wider ecology of dance and the arts in Scotland and internationally
- Familiar with the Dance Base professional programme, preferably with experience of working with Dance Base as a professional dancer

### Commitment Required:

- Approximately four days of work between September 2020 and March 2021, including preparing for and attending digital / in person meetings to discuss strategy and to contribute to funding decisions. Each discussion will require a minimum of 4

Artist Advisory Group members. *Please note that the members will not be able to take part in the discussion process for a specific opportunity if they have applied for it independently.*

**Remuneration:**

- £130 per day (a mixture of full and half days may be required)

**How To Apply:**

To apply for this opportunity please submit a statement of interest detailing why you would like to be part of the advisory group to Kirsty Somerville, Programme Manager, at [kirsty@dancebase.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@dancebase.co.uk). This should be a maximum of 300 words. We are also very happy to accept video or audio recordings if preferred – please send these as a password protected file on YouTube or Vimeo.

Deadline: 11.00, Monday 14 September 2020

If you require this information in any other format, please contact [kirsty@dancebase.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@dancebase.co.uk)

**How We Are Selecting:**

The statements of interest will be read by the Dance Base Artistic Director, Chief Executive and one of the Dance Base Associate Artists. The decision of who the positions are allocated to will be based on the three membership criteria as well as a commitment to ensuring that the group reflects the diversity of dance and dancers in Scotland, with specific attention to the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.