



Amanda Evans
Associate Practitioner (moving Voices)

Amanda has been involved in dance in one way or another throughout her life. She initially studied dance at London Contemporary Dance School before gaining a BA Hons. in Dance at Middlesex University in 1990.

Amanda has danced professionally with various companies including *Maas Movers*, one of the UK's first Black dance companies. She is passionate about contemporary dance and has choreographed professionally for over 25 years. Her choreography led her to create and direct an all female dance company; *Cooperative Dance Theatre London* which toured, performed and worked in schools.

Amanda went on to develop new choreographic work when she established the company, *Mas Dance* in 1994 where she fused contemporary dance with street dance styles. *Mas Dance* was one of the first companies in the UK to start working with multi media, computer graphics and animation. Amanda enjoys teaching and specialises in working with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and challenging behaviour, as well as young people and women from the criminal justice system.

Amanda joined South East Dance in April 2008 as the moving Voices Coordinator. moving Voices is a volunteer dance project, recruiting 3,218 young people aged 16 -25 over three years from nine counties, to lead their own youth dance committees, plan and deliver dance activities and teach dance to people in their communities. In March 2009 Amanda became the Associate Practitioner (moving Voices), working with the Brighton and Hove Youth Dance Committee and developing practical sessions to recruit more young people to the project.