



Kirsty Bell
Head of Community and Learning (maternity cover)

Kirsty grew up in Cambridge where she took classical dance training from an early age. She then went on to study dance at University, graduating from University College Chichester in 2003 with a Dance and Related Arts degree. Following this Kirsty began her career as a dancer, under the direction of Dale Thompson, and also as a teacher, teaching dance at Reading College where she became Programme Leader for BTEC National Diploma in Dance, Drama and Technical Theatre.

In 2004 Kirsty moved to the North West and developed a range of participatory projects with local authorities including Warrington Borough Council. Her work included programming dance in theatres, supporting and mentoring emerging dance companies and developing the community TV channel The Big Idea working with international partners Superchannel, Denmark.

Following a move to the South East in 2006, Kirsty worked as Dance Development Officer for West Sussex County Council where she managed West Sussex Youth Dance Company and developed partnerships and accredited training courses.

Kirsty's other work in dance includes having previously been a Board member of Loop Dance Company and working as an Arts Award Advisor. She is currently facilitator for the South East Youth Dance Network Surrey and West Sussex Hub working with Hampshire Dance.

Kirsty is excited to be working with the creative team at South East Dance.

In her spare time Kirsty enjoys running, travelling and dining in Europe, kick boxing and knitting.