

SEDHEXTABLE PROGRAMME PLAN SUMMARY*



June 2011

SED has secured Arts Council (ACE) and Kent County Council (KCC) funding to develop a satellite space at Hextable Dance. SED will be taking over the lease and running an artistic and community programme for an initial two year period.

The following information outlines the current plans being developed at SEDHextable.

**Please note the following information is prospective and does not yet constitute confirmed or current activities.*

Abbreviations:

SED = South East Dance

SEDH = South East Dance Hextable

Year 1 = 2011 - 2012

Year 2 = 2012 - 2013

Artist Development Programme

TRAINING INTENSIVES

Training Intensives are a series of open one day intensives taking place at SEDH.

They will provide regional artists with opportunities to develop creative, performative, communication and business skills ensuring broad Continuing Professional Development provision and enhancing employment prospects for the regional dance workforce.

CREATIVE & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT KENT

Creative & Business Development Kent (C&BDK) supports emerging artists and companies through four dedicated sessions with an independent producer in order to establish an action driven development and work-plan. Through an open call process, C&BDK will directly support two Kent based artists with sessions taking place at SEDH.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER LAB

International Summer Lab is a week long creative laboratory taking place at SEDH that provides a training opportunity and connecting point for mature/established artists from within and beyond the UK. Participating artists will be selected by a lead artist who will work with the SED Programme Producer to frame activity; thus supporting the lead artist to further research his/her practice whilst engaging with mature peers and colleagues in a training and development opportunity.

Expanding Platforms and Audiences

EARLY YEARS INTERACTIVE

Early Years Interactive will be a dedicated action research project that results in a regional touring production produced and owned by SED targeted towards children between the

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ages of 0-3 years old. This work will stay in the repertory of SED as the lead commissioning partner for a period of three years.

Building Communities

KENT DANCING

***Kent Dancing* will be an annual festival of participatory, performance and site specific activity taking place in four hubs across Kent.** Partners in each hub will: host a number of open taster dance classes; present one small scale outdoor performance work accompanied by wrap around educational activity targeted specifically to young people; and work with a lead artist and members of the community to create a site specific work.

SCHOOLS TWINNING

***Schools Twinning* will connect three specialist arts status schools providing out of school opportunities for young people to engage with dance and exchange skills with a view to building aspiration.** Building on SED's successful three year youth led project *moving Voices*, young people from three Kent schools will be supported to lead the development of a programme of activity that enhances their creative, performative and organisational skills which will take place at SEDH and partner schools.

HEXTABLE YOUTH DANCE COMPANY

***Hextable Youth Dance Company* will be an opportunity for young dancers across Kent to form a company and work with a range of professional choreographers.** This will comprise of young people between the ages of 12 and 16 providing an opportunity to engage with high quality dance activity beyond the curriculum whilst acting as ambassadors for their school.

MOVE TOWARDS HEALTH

***Move Towards Health* will use dance and movement to tackle some of the priorities identified by Central Government and the Strategy for Public Health in Kent.** It will provide a holistic framework of workshops, training opportunities, professional development, documentation, evaluation and research, with the aim of improving the physical health and mental well-being of all participants.

COMMUNITY CLASS PROGRAMME

The *Community Class* programme will be a series of open adult and young peoples classes in dance and movement related activity such as Street Dance, Salsa, yoga etc. Classes will predominantly take place during evenings at SEDH and will be open for people with little or no experience in dance.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL

***Holiday School* will provide 14 young people with an opportunity to engage in the creative, technical and production elements of dance over a week long summer intensive.** It is hoped that this project will act as a feeder for *Hextable Youth Dance Company*, *Schools Twinning* and the *Community Class* programme.



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COMMUNITY PLATFORMS

The *Community Platforms* will provide an opportunity for participants taking part in SEDH's community programme to showcase their work alongside other community and school dance groups in Kent.

SEDH LAUNCH

The *SEDH Launch* will be a one off celebration that takes place on 27 September 2011 to mark and publicise the new programme at SEDH. Artists will be commissioned to make site specific work within the school grounds that will lead to taster workshops, performances and presentations within and on the building, created and presented by artists of local, regional and national significance.

Commissions and Presentation

CREATIVE INVESTMENT

Creative Investment will enable SED to test a new model of commissioning that will lead to the creation of distribution of new work whilst also supporting artists to develop their choreographic and entrepreneurial skills. SED will offer two commissions each year in addition to rehearsal space at SEDH. Artists will pledge to return the investment within a three year period, thus ensuring SED's commissioning fund is maintained.

ARTISTS LEVERAGE

Artists Leverage will provide two one off cash awards for Kent based artists in addition to an offer of creation space at SEDH. It aims to support independent artists with an opportunity to lever additional funds for the creation and touring of live or screen based dance work which will predominantly benefit audiences in the South East.

DANCE PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

The *Dance Performance Programme* will see six performances within each year that are presented specifically with the local community in mind. Work will be selected on its suitability to engage audiences new to dance, its suitability for the small scale, responding to the flexibility of the space at SEDH and the quality of production. SED is particularly keen to explore family friendly work and dance work that reflects both the creative and cultural diversity of dance.

Raising the Game

KENT DANCE TEACHERS NETWORK

The *Kent Dance Teachers Network* aims to support dance teachers across the county who will come together on a quarterly basis to network, share information and develop skills. Facilitated by SEDH, the network will be tap into the work of professional artists in residence or presenting work at SEDH.