



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2021



AT A GLANCE

New Merchandise • National Awards Nomination
Dylan's Success • We're Moving!

Photo by Brian Hartley

PERFORMANCE GROUP'S RESIDENCIES

This autumn, our Adult Performance Company and Youngl'z groups have been working hard on their respective residencies. Our adults went away for five days to Findhorn, whilst

our Youngl'z, plus some invited guests, spent the October week developing some new choreography with Manuela Benini. The piece they created was inspired by the current climate crisis and has been performed since at the COP26 Coalition's Shinning Light Procession and evening at Adelaide Hall.



NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL DIVERSITY AWARD

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AMAZING WORDS OF SUPPORT

Here at Indepen-dance we are delighted and honoured to say that we have made the shortlist for the National Diversity Awards 2021, for the Community Organisation Award for Disability. The awards are a prestigious black tie event,

which celebrates the excellent achievements of grass-root communities that tackle the issues in today's society, giving them recognition for their dedication and hard work. To make the shortlist, we received around one hundred nominations of support from members, families, support staff, others in the industry and many more. Their kind and amazing words of support meant the world to us. Thank you to all who nominated us.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Over the course of the year our team works hard behind the scenes to secure support from many different sources to help support our diverse program.

They have worked extremely hard this year, and have had wonderful success in continuing and building relationships with a number of fantastic Trusts and Foundations to help support the work that we do.

Without their generous support, and the hard work of our fundraising team, we wouldn't be able to do what we do.

WITH THANKS TO

**Commonweal Fund • Creative Breaks
• People's Post Code Trust**



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In other fundraising news, we would like to say a massive thank you to Ann-Marie Flavell, who took part in the 2021 in-person Kiltwalk in Glasgow.

Through her fundraising efforts, and the extra 50% from the Tom Hunter Foundation, we received an amazing £1000.

Kiltwalk Glasgow:
24th April, 2022

KILTWALK SUCCESS AND DATES FOR THE DIARY

Our Annual Fundraiser:
27th March, 2022

Gathered Together Festival:
6th-10th July, 2022

NEW PREMISES



WE'RE MOVING

As we progress towards the end of 2021 and into 2022, we are excited to let you know that we will be moving to a brand new office in Bridgeton, Glasgow. Our new space will house our admin team and have a small dance space to call our very own.

NEW STAFF

WELCOMING TOSIA

Welcome aboard Tosia! As our new Dance Access Worker, Tosia will work closely with our creative staff and help support our team. She is delighted to be able to share her love for movement and to help make dance more inclusive.





STAR STORY - YOUNG1'Z MEMBER DYLAN

Photo by Brian Hartley

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

Dylan joined Independence four years ago, and since then has flourished into a remarkable young man, and we want to share with you some of his recent achievements.

Performing with our Young1'z at numerous events, Dylan has been part of our youth group supported

by Children In Need. Through this connection, Dylan has joined the Children In Need Surprise Squad. The squad is a brand new fundraising challenge from The One Show and is made up of five inspirational young people who have been supported by BBC Children in Need and want to give back and lend a helping hand to benefit others.

Joined by One Show presenters
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Alex Jones, Ronan Keating and Jermaine Jenas, the Surprise Squad will head to locations around the country where they will complete surprise challenges for BBC Children in Need funded projects that are in need of a little help with something – from creating a secret garden for a children's hospice, to organising a much needed community fundraising event. By joining this amazing team, Dylan has been able to share the work that we do and increase the awareness of the importance of inclusion.

Alongside this, he is also a talented photographer, with a keen interest in street photography, for which he has his own website and calendar.

For his 2022 calendar, he is kindly donating 50% of all profits to Indepen-dance.

Thank you Dylan!

You can check out his website here:

dylanlombardphotography.co.uk



**A PHOTOGRAPH
FROM ONE OF
OUR CLASSES
BY DYLAN**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED

Join us for our AGM. Come along and hear all our latest news and updates as an organisation. It is also your chance to get involved and make your voice heard.

Where: Pollokshaws Burgh Hall
When: 5pm, December 3rd

NEW MERCHANDISE

THE PERFECT GIFT

With Christmas fast approaching, why not get that special someone an Indepen-dance gift?

Get in touch with our office to purchase your items today.

www.indepen-dance.org.uk/merchandise



CLASS SCHEDULE

18TH OCTOBER - 24TH DECEMBER

IN-PERSON CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

11.30am - Adult Class

1pm - Adult Class

Location - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

Wednesday

11.30am - Adult Class

1pm - Adult Class

Location - Maryhill Community Centre

Wednesday

11.30am - 2pm - Adult
Performance Company*

Location - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

Thursday

9.30am & 10.15am - Dance Your
Socks Off*

11.30am - Adult Class

1pm - Adult Class

Location - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

6.30pm - 8pm - Young1'z*

Location - Pearce Institute

*Invite Only

*Ages 0-5

Our classes are paid via block booking payment and are available at two different locations.

ONLINE CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

1pm - Adult Class

5pm - Doodle Club

Tuesday

11am - Family Disco

5pm - Youth Class

Wednesday

10.30am - Inclusive Yoga

11.15am Coffee Morning

Thursday

12.45pm - TouchTrust

5pm - Dance Energy

Friday

1pm - Adult Class

5pm - Social Class

Saturday

10am - Wake Up with Wils

Our online classes are free and take place via Zoom.

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