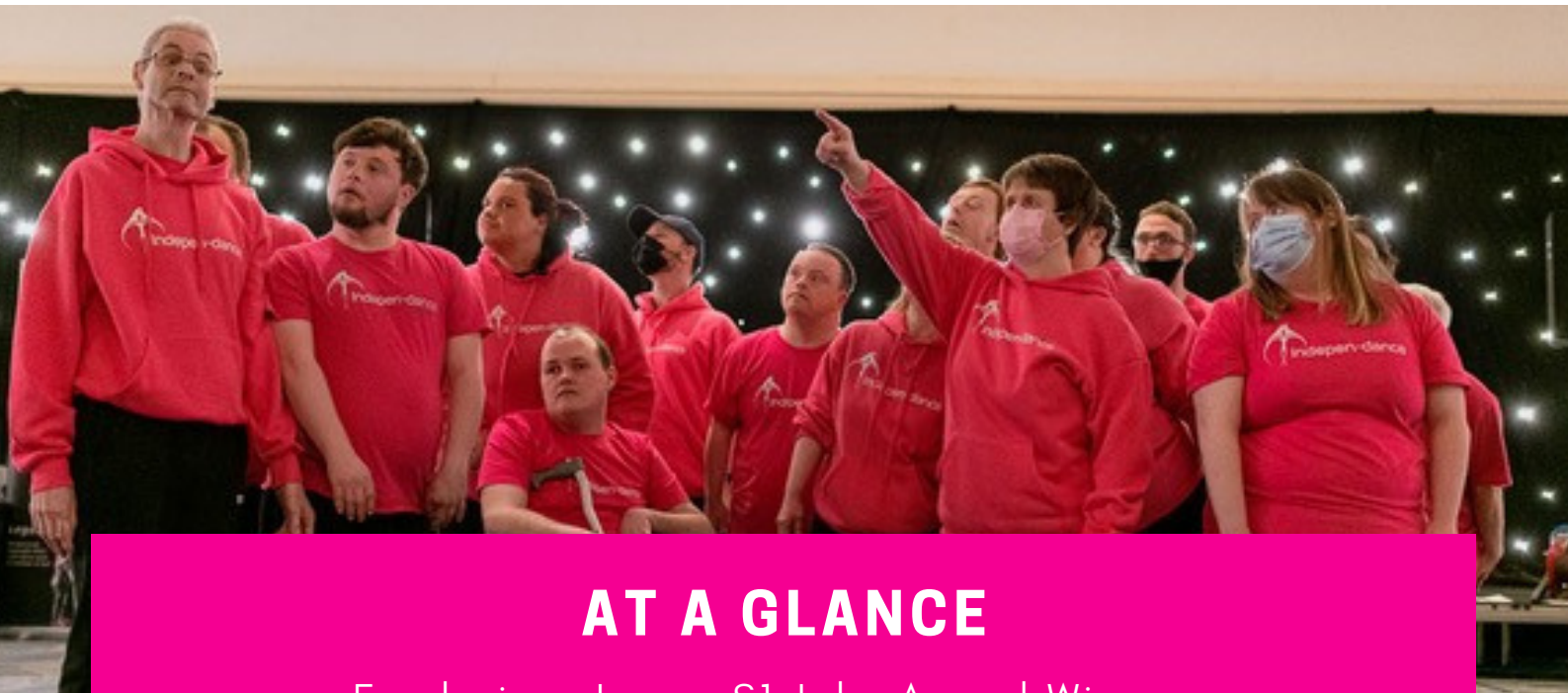




SPRING NEWSLETTER



AT A GLANCE

Fundraiser Joy • S1 Jobs Award Winners
New Class for Parents & Carers

Photo by Brian Hartley

MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER JOY

On Mother's Day of this year we held our first in-person event since the pandemic began, our annual fundraiser, and what a wonderful day it was. It was a joy to see so many familiar faces to celebrate together the work that we do.

There were performances from our Adult Performance Company, Young1'z and Small Ensemble, alongside singing from the Swing Cats and Tim Licata performing magic.

From the fundraiser, we raised a fantastic total of £9084 and this would not have been possible without your generous and passionate support. Thank you.



WINNERS AT THE S1 JOBS AWARDS

BEST CHARITY EMPLOYER (SMALL)

In April this year we were invited to the S1 Jobs Recruitment Awards at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Glasgow, as we were nominated for Best Charity Employer (small). The awards celebrate and showcase all the recruitment and staff achievements of businesses and organisations in Scotland.

At the ceremony itself, we were delighted and honoured to discover that we won.

Our staff team were handed the award by comedian Jo Brand and were over the moon to take home the prize.

A huge congratulations to all our staff for this fantastic achievement, for which we wouldn't have been able to achieve without all your hard work, dedication and passion.

NEW CLASS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

This spring term, we have introduced a new class for parents and carers. With funding from the Glasgow Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, we have been able to

begin a class for parents and carers of our members to come along and dance like nobody is watching.

It is their chance to dance and take time for themselves to enjoy their movement and dance for fun.

The class is adult only so please do get in touch with us if you would like to come along.

DANCE WITH WILS

7.30pm - 8.30pm | Pollokshaws Burgh Hall
£5



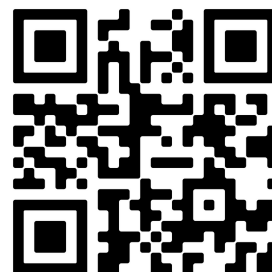
In other fundraising news, we would like to say a massive thank you to Mary-Anne, who took part in the 2022 in-person Kiltwalk in Glasgow.

Through her fundraising

FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

efforts, and the extra 50% from the Tom Hunter Foundation, we will receive a generous donation of £502.50.

If you would like to donate and raise money for Indepen-dance, then head over to our Local Giving page via the QR code. A huge thank you to all our donors and funders for their generous contributions.



GATHERED TOGETHER

6TH-9TH JULY



We are counting down the days until Gathered Together 2022. We will be joined by inclusive dance groups from across the globe. Including groups from Columbia, Germany and Taiwan. There will also be a Civic Reception on 6th July, alongside workshops, films, presentations and exhibitions. Stay tuned on our socials for more.

YOUNG1'Z PERFORMANCES

BEAUTIFUL DANCERS

Above, is how one parent who saw our Young1'z at GoDance Festival earlier this year described their performance. "*Pure Joy*" is their fantastic new piece and will be performed again later this year at YDance Destinations Festival.



Photo by Ian Watson



STAR STORY - STAFF MEMBER JULIE

Photo by Brian Hartley, of Julie (above) dancing with Member Andrew at our 2017 Fundraiser.

WONDERFUL TEACHER

Our Star Story this month is staff member Julie! Julie joined Indepen-dance back in 2015 as a dance assistant after graduating in musical theatre and dance. Throughout her time here at Indepen-dance Julie's journey and development has been a pleasure to witness.

Julie is now a dance leader, and takes our classes both in-person and online, with her calm and relaxing style, she helps our members feel at ease in her sessions and creates a wonderful atmosphere in which people can express and enjoy themselves.

Another area in which Julie excels is in the running of the Doodle Club, and overseeing its development to where it is today, Continued Next Page...

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where it is now a popular and well loved Indepen-dance class.

However, it is not only teaching that Julie does here at Indepen-dance, she is also a very talented performer. Having performed with our groups, including the Youngl'z and Adult Performance Company on various occasions, she has toured with our professional group in their show "Four Go Wild in Wellies".

Across Scotland, Columbia, Germany, these are just a few of the places that Julie has been on tour with Indepen-dance, and she has been a fantastic performer

and ambassador for the organisation, bringing joy to all those that come to see the group perform.

In recent times, Julie has joined our Small Ensemble for their piece "Entwined" with choreographer Eve Mutso. This beautiful piece of work encapsulates all the amazing talent of our dancers.

Julie is a fantastic, dedicated, hard-working member of the team, for whom we are delighted to share and highlight her work and what she brings to the organisation.



**JULIE HOLDING
AN AWARD FOR
FOUR GO WILD
IN WELLIES**

CONTINUATION OF ONLINE CLASSES

ZOOMTASTIC



Having reached the 2nd Anniversary of our first ever online class, they are still going strong running 6 days a week. If you can't make our in-person classes, be sure to get in touch with us to try out our free-to-join online sessions. Our online classes are open to all.

NEW MERCHANDISE

NEW PURPLE HOODIE

We have a limited edition new purple hoodie now in stock, so be sure to get yours before they're gone.

Get yours today at:

[www.indepen-dance.org.uk/
merchandise](http://www.indepen-dance.org.uk/merchandise)



CLASS SCHEDULE

IN-PERSON CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

Adult Class: 11.30am & 1pm - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

Wednesday

Adult Class: 11.30am & 1pm - Maryhill Community Centre

Adult Performance Company* 11am to 2pm - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

Youth Class: 5pm - Pearce Institute

Young1'z* 6.30pm to 8pm - Pearce Institute

*Invite Only

Thursday

Dance Your Socks Off (Ages 0-5): 9.30am & 10.15am - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

Adult Class: 11.30am & 1pm - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

Parents and Carers (Adults Only) Class: 7.30pm - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

Friday

Adult Class: 11.30am & 1pm - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall

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

Contact admin@independ-dance.org.uk to take part.

ONLINE CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday

1pm - Adult Class
5pm - Doodle Club

Tuesday

11am - General Class
1pm - Musicals Class
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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