



**Indepen-dance**  
Opportunity through inclusive dance

## #1 2024 Newsletter

### At a Glance

- Star Story - Volunteer, Kirsten Seymour
- Young Iz's at - An Alternative Burns Night
- Marc Brew Residency
- Members group is back!
- We are looking for a new Board Member



*Photo Credit: Siobhan Chalmers*

Read all about our busy start to the year and our very exciting year ahead!

We have some exciting opportunities to join our community through our class programme and training events, volunteering, fundraising and upcoming dates to see our performance

# NEWS

## MARC BREW RESIDENCY

At the latter end of the year Independance small ensemble took part in a residency with acclaimed international dancer and choreographer Marc Brew. This is the beginning and first stage of a piece of work to be created in the future.



## MEMBERS GROUP IS BACK

Our staff member Iris is leading on the return of our members group! Join and have an opportunity to make your voice heard and have your say over our programme. "Thanks so much to everyone who came along to the session and to Dillon for supporting and leading on conversations, we had some really great discussions and really valued insightful ideas and valuable contributions"- Iris. We will meet four times a year, Keep an eye out for next meeting early spring.

## JOIN OUR BOARD

We are looking to recruit new Trustees and Board Members! We are particularly interested in hearing from individuals with skills and a background in finance, the arts, social care, and or education. If you would like to find out more please do get in touch and we will have a chat with any one who is interested. Contact: [admin@independ-dance.org.uk](mailto:admin@independ-dance.org.uk)



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# THANK YOU KIRSTEN!

Well done to our Volunteer Kirsten who has been volunteering as a Dance Support in our Young 1z's class with us since September 2022!

Kirsten is a dancer herself dancing with street dance company - **Urbaniks** and has been great supporting our Dance Tutors and Dancers during class, and at events such as Solas Festival, Go Dance and our AGM to name a few.

*"Kirsten is a very valuable volunteer who has made great friendships in classes and is very popular among our dancers, acting as a good role model while enhancing her own dance practice and skills"- Jack, Volunteer Co-ordinator*

*"We have seen a big confidence boost in Kirsten who has really developed in assisting in the Young 1z's and goes above and beyond by supporting our events, performances and the organisation above her role." - Claire, Dance Development Manager*

## VOLUNTEER WITH US:



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# STAR STORY: VOLUNTEER, KIRSTEN SEYMOUR



We have opportunities to join Indepen-dance as a Dance Support Volunteer in our weekly scheduled dance programme of classes. We are interested in hearing people from all backgrounds and experiences who are also looking to develop their practice.

If you are interested in applying please contact: [admin@indepn-dance.org.uk](mailto:admin@indepn-dance.org.uk)

# FUNDRAISING

## THANKS TO . . .

Braehead and Silverburn Shopping centres, Who hosted us just before Christmas. We are very grateful for our dancers to share their performances with a wide audience. Thank you for having us

and to all of the generous shoppers for their donations, raising over £2,400!



## AGM & WINTER SHARING 2023

"In December we had another very successful AGM and Winter sharing with a large audience, and so thank you to all who attended. As always, we are very delighted to have the opportunity to share our work from the past year and performances from all of our performance groups. Take a look at 'Our Year 2023' in review film " - Karen Anderson, Artistic Director

## THE GLASGOW KILTWALK

Join us for The Glasgow Kiltwalk - on Saturday 28th April! We are looking for walkers to join our group to gain sponsorship and raise money for InDepen-dance. We are offering to cover the cost of registration for all who take part.

Walks lengths available are;

- Mighty Stride (23 miles) - leaving from Glasgow Green to Balloch
- Big Stroll (14 miles) - leaving from Clydebank to Balloch
- Wee Wanderer (3 miles) - around Loch Lomond Shores



## FUNDRAISE FOR US...

Join us on the Kiltwalk or get in touch with us if you have any ideas for fundraising contact us - [admin@indepence-dance.org.uk](mailto:admin@indepence-dance.org.uk)

# AN ALTERNATIVE BURNS NIGHT FUNDRAISER

## YOUNG 1Z'S CEILDIH PERFORMANCE

In January our Volunteer Co-ordinator Jack, held an event with all donations going directly to Indep-dance raising just over £1,100!

Our performing group Young 1z's were in attendance leading their own ceilidh with their own spin. Well done to Holly Hunter and Bella Van Velson for calling and demonstrating to the audience who all loved being involved.

Well done to Dylan Lombard, who with fellow photographer; Siobhan Chalmers, as part of the event had his photography on display as part of the exhibition, on at MONO until 28th Feb! Including work from Council Baby and Shan Daly.

"I had the best time and so much fun doing this and very happy to have Indep-dance involved who brought such a fabulous energy to the event. Thank you to all who performed - Tina Sandwich (Right), Bad News (Above), Danyo, Tianah Tucker, Soop and supported me to make it happen". Check out more photos on our Instagram - @altburnsnight2024



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## THE CRAFT POTTERY

In the run up to The Alt Burns event, The Craft Pottery held a workshop in collaboration with artist Shan Daly, to create a ceramic tile mural to be co created by participants and exhibited at the event. The workshop raised over £80.00, Thank you to the Craft Pottery!

# PERFORMANCES



Go Dance, programme celebrating community is back!

Performances from schools, colleges and community groups from across Scotland.

Our Young 1z's and Evolve will be performing on **Wednesday 28th February**, 19:30 at Theatre Royal Glasgow.



Our Young 1z's will also be performing at youth dance platform - Destinations on **Saturday 16th March** at The Beacon Arts Centre in Greenock.

## WELLIES BACK ON TOUR



Later in the year our small ensemble are going back on tour again with their piece - Four Go Wild in Wellies. Taking them to new countries and venues including New York's, New Victory Theatre and to Nuremberg, Germany for Everybody Dance; Inclusive Dance Festival.

# SAVE THE DATES



Indepen-dance  
Dinner & Showcase 2024



Don't miss our Dinner & Showcase on **Saturday 9th March** at Hilton Glasgow, there is still time to get tickets. This is a great opportunity to see the work of our performing groups and their talents. The Showcase will feature new choreography including *Flux and Flourish*; a homage performance from works made by Indepen-dance underpinned with observations and reflections from our dancers. The night will also include a raffle and auction with some special prizes up for grabs. Tickets are available on our website.

## UPCOMING -TRAINING WORKSHOP'S



**Thursday 4th April 2024**  
10am - 4pm, Pearce Institute

**with Visiting Tutor, international acclaimed disabled choreographer, dancer Marc Brew**

**Thursday 14th March 2024**  
10am - 4pm, Pearce Institute

**with Visiting Tutors**  
**Manuela Aranguibel & Jörg Besse of SZENE 2WEI**  
**- Dance company from Germany**



Both Training workshops are - Pay what you can  
Tickets available via Eventbrite

# ONLINE AND IN-PERSON CLASS SCHEDULE

## Monday

11:30am - 12:30pm: Adult Class - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall  
1pm - 2pm: Adult Class - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall  
1pm - 1:45pm: Monday Moovers - Online  
4pm - 5pm: Doodle N' Dance - Online

## Tuesday

11am - 1pm: Yoga & Coffee Morning - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue & Online  
5pm - 6pm: Youth Class (ages 5-11) - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue

## Wednesday

9:30am - 10:45am: Professional Technique Class - Scottish Ballet Studio (Tramway)  
11am - 2pm: Adult Performance Company\* - Scottish Ballet Studio (Tramway)  
2:30pm - 4pm: Evolve Class\* - Scottish Ballet Studio (Tramway) \*Invite Only\*  
11am - 12pm: Adult Class - Maryhill Community Centre  
1pm - 2pm: Adult Cass - Maryhill Community Centre  
5pm - 6pm: Youth Class (ages 12-18) - Pearce Institute  
6:30pm - 8pm: Youngl'z\* - Pearce Institute \*Invite Only\*

## Thursday

9.30am & 10:15am: Dance Your Socks Off (Ages 0-5) - Tramway  
11:am - 12:pm: Adult Class - Tramway  
11:30am - 12:30pm: Adult Class - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall  
1pm - 2pm: TouchTrust - Tramway  
1pm - 2pm: Adult Class - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall  
5pm - 5:45pm: Dance Energy - Online  
7pm - 8pm Parents and Carers Class - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue

## Friday

11:30am - 12:30pm: Adult Class - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue  
1pm - 2pm: Adult Class - Indepen-dance Bridgeton Venue  
1pm - 2pm: Friday Groovers - Online  
5pm - 6pm: Friday Social - Online

## Saturday

10am - 10:45am- Wake Up with Wils - Online

**Our online classes are free and take place via Zoom.  
Our in-person classes are paid per class or via block booking.  
To take part contact : [admin@indepn-dance.org.uk](mailto:admin@indepn-dance.org.uk)**

**Thank you to our Funders . . .**



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