



Small Steps

Young Dancer Support Program

As DanceNL takes steps to support and build an innovative dance sector in NL, we realize that sometimes small barriers or small opportunities can make a big difference. Because of that, we've launched a pilot project to help young dancers take the next steps in their dance career by connecting them with resources and pairing them with experienced supporters/specialists in their field.

Who is the program for?

- This program is open to anyone ages 15-30 currently living in Newfoundland and Labrador who would like to make dance a part or a bigger part of their career. Including: post secondary dance students (and prospective students), performers, choreographers, dance researchers, arts administrators, dance-movement therapists, dance teachers, and so on.

- People from equity-seeking communities including indigenous, black, persons of colour, people with disabilities, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, newcomers to Canada and economically marginalized people are encouraged to send requests for support to this program. Every effort will be made to pair you with relevant resources and specialists.

What types of activities are included?

Up to 5 hours of support or the equivalent in professional fees for things such as:

- post secondary guidance, applications, and auditions
 - scholarship application support
 - organizing arts project administration
 - assistance with arts project budgeting
 - in-studio artistic support (outside eye, choreographic mentorship, dramaturgy)
 - other artistic questions
 - training questions and opportunities
 - support for screen dance / dance on film
 - small business development
 - Careers in NL
 - Careers outside NL
 - Conditioning programs
 - CV / Resume development
 - Opportunities and training for dance research
 - Portfolio development
 - Headshot and bio development
 - Access to space
- Other things that you identify as necessary to take the next step in your career!

How to Apply

- If you are interested in finding support for the next steps of your career, email danceNLyouth@gmail.com with your name, contact information, and a brief question or request or fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/gKG3hMHAKMHgUEY56> (Dancers under 18 years old should copy a parent, dance teacher, or guidance counsellor!).
- Support is provided on a first-come-first-serve basis until the entire program budget is allocated. The pilot project will end on March 31, 2021.
- Applicants should reach out at least 14 days prior to any deadlines for support with grant writing, scholarship applications, and so on.

A Note for Potential Supporters and Specialists

- Those interested in paid opportunities as supporters/specialists to work with these young dancers can fill out a professional inventory that DanceNL will keep on file for 1 year. <https://forms.gle/e9Ky2cvqDVc2gT1a8>
- Supporters must have at least 5 years experience in their field and experience with the NL context.
- in an attempt to find the best match for each applicant supporters will be selected from: those that fill out an inventory; danceNL members who have filled out a profile; research and knowledge from project staff; and applicant preferences