



LUDUS DANCE

**IMPACT REVIEW
2018 - 2019**

MISSION

Moving to make art that matters, our mission is to **inspire, engage** and **empower** people through dance.

Ludus Dance uses dance as a tool of expression and trust, building on strength and recognising potential to change and enhance people's lives. Working across a wide range of social, educational and mental health and well-being settings, and especially with children and young people who have limited access to high quality experiences, we create vital opportunities through work that is bespoke, collaborative and inclusive.

"Since we have focused our energy on children and young people we have been able to consult about their needs and wishes, resulting in new classes and projects being formulated for them and by them. This allowed us to set up "Inclusion in Motion" for children with additional needs and their siblings. The children attending this class are feeling empowered and have a sense of belonging. This is why we do this!!!"

Laura Worden on our Studio Programme

"It's great to be involved in a passionate and creative team. To be a director of a youth company was always something I wanted to achieve. To now be the director of the youth company that I started out with when I was just 14 years old is a dream."

Kate Threlfall on our Youth Dance strand

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS...

Engaged **1,400** children and young people in **763** workshops

Commissioned **16** new pieces enjoyed by **7,000** people

Provided **39** artists with paid employment opportunities

Hosted **12** student placements and provided **328** hours of continued professional development to emerging artists and recent graduates

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WORK



BIG UP NORTH

An annual dance theatre festival run in partnership with the Dukes Theatre, providing young people and emerging artists the opportunity to share work on a professional stage.

LUDUS YOUTH DANCE COMPANY

18 talented young dancers formed our youth company, LYDC. They choreographed JOY after working with Vicki Igbokwe, which they performed to over **700** people.



SEA SWALLOWS

Blending storytelling with movement, projection and virtual reality. Commissioned by Litfest.



BOUNCE BACK

In partnership with Cancer Care, we are supporting young people to work through their feelings of grief with dance, music and visual art.



MILL GIRLS & MILITANTS

1,600 people watched our cast of **80** women of different ages perform at the Harris Museum in Preston.



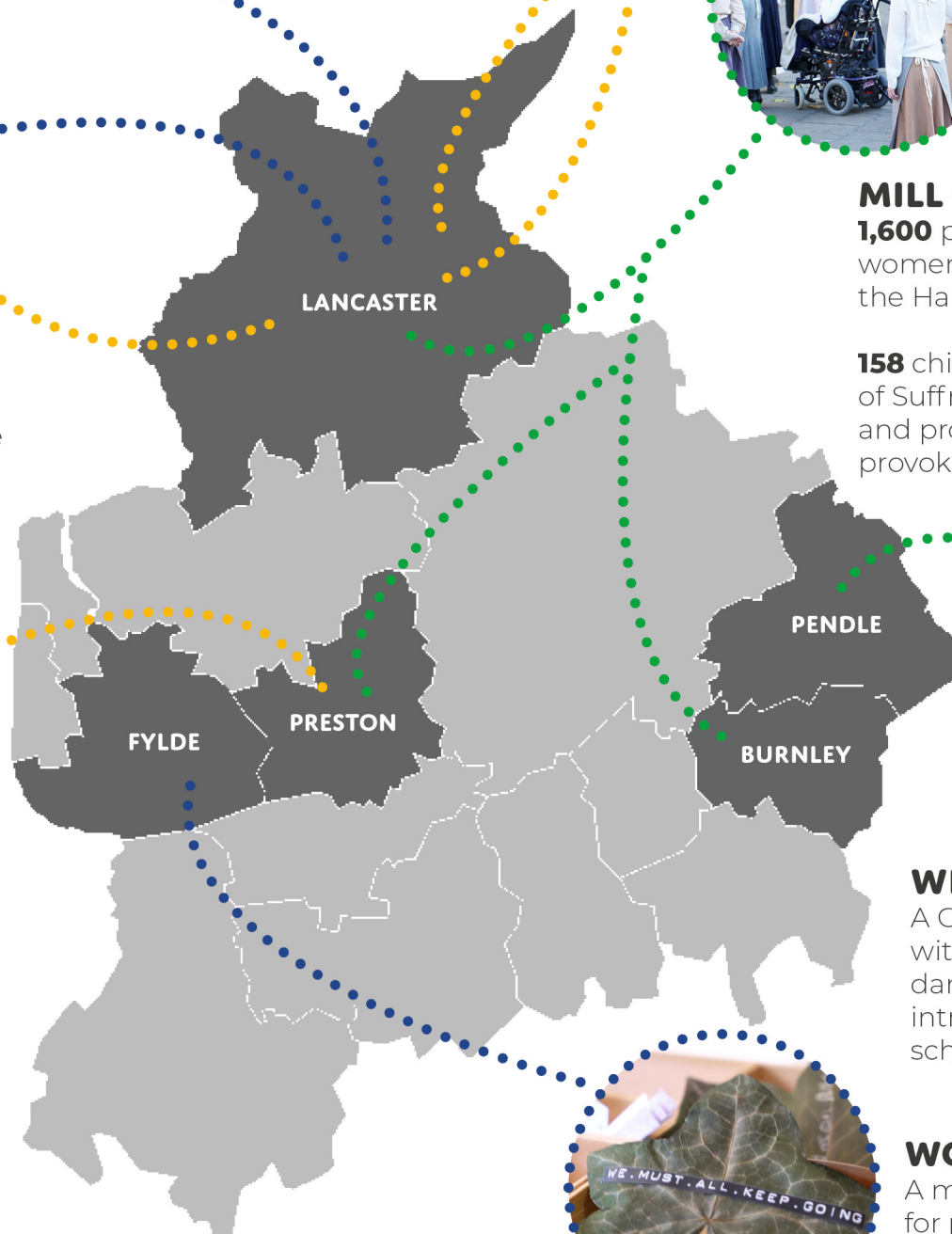
AMP

Accelerate Move Propel is a dance performance programme to engage children and young people with additional and special education needs.



LINE IN THE SAND

A choreography and performance project exploring the impact of plastic pollution that was filmed in VR and taken into schools.



WE ARE READING

A Curious Minds SLiCE project with Lomeshaye Primary, using dance and performance to introduce reading for pleasure to school children.



WONDER-FUL

A multi art-form programme for people living with dementia, developed in partnership with Fable Arts and Clifton Hospital.

OCCUPIED: ARTIST DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

2018 ASSOCIATES



ROWENA
Preston



ADAM
Widnes



LUCY
Preston



TOM
Chorley

2019 ASSOCIATES



PAUL
Wigan



ALINE
Liverpool



LOUISE
Lancaster



BETH
Kendal



RUTH
Lancaster

MASTER CLASSES & BUSINESS SURGERIES

In 2018 & 2019 we secured additional funding to curate a number of professional master classes and business development surgeries for North West dance artists, ranging from marketing essentials and fundraising to producing on a shoe string and digital dance making.

OUR FOCUS FOR DELIVERY

We deliver our work through 5 defined programme strands:

Artist Development

Crucial to our commitment for excellence is the need to maintain a pipeline of highly skilled and competent artists through a range of professional development opportunities. We are developing the next generation of arts facilitators, makers and leaders.

Youth Dance and Talent Development

We have a nationally recognised youth company offering young people the opportunity to develop their talent through high quality training in contemporary dance technique, physical theatre and performance skills.

Inclusion

We have a vision of universal access to art, no matter of background, ethnicity, sexuality, gender or ability; welcoming and supporting those who need extra support or guidance to achieve.

Cultural Education & Heritage

Recognising that many young people's first experiences of the arts is at school, we are committed to developing high quality cultural experiences.

Studio Programme

Our studio programme offers accessible, inclusive dance for local residents with high quality provision supporting the five ways to well-being. This year we have launched ***Inclusion in Motion***, a creative sensory dance programme designed for children with special educational needs to fulfil a need not provided for in the area.

1,120 under 5s have taken their first steps into dance

653 under 16s have followed our pathway to develop their skills and ability

OUR FUNDERS

We recognise and thank Arts Council England and Lancaster City Council for their significant financial contributions to support the development of our work in the North West over the last 18 months. We also would like to thank our most recent grant giver, Francis C Scott.



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OUR PARTNERS

Making high quality work and delivering projects with real impact could not be achieved without the support and expertise of our partners and artistic collaborators.

The Dukes Theatre, Fable Arts, Cancer Care, Clifton Hospital, Curious Minds, Burnley College, Burnley Youth Theatre, The Harris Museum, Lancaster Arts Partners, Arts Lancashire and Dance Consortia NW.

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

As a charity, individual donations and the generosity of the public are essential for us to continue our work to reach and change the lives of the young people. We thank you for helping us make art that matters.

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