

From the Chairman:

Welcome to the first newsletter from the TLW Dance Foundation. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, outline why we exist, what we have done so far and what we would like to do in the future. Perhaps most importantly, I would like to let you know how you might like to support us and allow more young people to access all that TLW Dance has to offer.

The benefits for young people being involved in dance and the performing arts are unquestionable. The renowned educationalist Ken Robinson outlines not only the mental and physical benefits that come from dance but also how dance can help with concentration and ultimately leads to better outcomes. 95% of teachers said that, as a result of dancing, students' abilities to cooperate and collaborate improved. Of course, we also see that our children just love to dance - they love to dance because it is great fun!

It's a reality however, that not all families have equal access to dance and the performing arts. The cost of living is rising and it can be an expensive hobby. TLW Dance have long been passionate about supporting families and dancers who find it difficult to meet the costs and in the past Tiffany and Lynne have used their own money to pay for students whose families could not afford classes or equipment.

In response to this, TLW Dance Foundation was formed on the 25th February 2021 with the aim to:
Relieve financial hardship in order to advance the dance and performing arts education of students under the age of 25 who are members of, or graduates from, the TLW Dance School by helping to fund:

1. The payment of fees for classes, examinations and associate programmes
2. The provision of items such as clothing and shoes
3. Providing opportunities in the local community for students to take part in dance and the performing arts
4. Providing support for graduates from TLW to take dance or performing arts courses at university or college

At present we can only do some of this but as anyone who is involved with TLW Dance knows, you've got to dream big and to quote Misty Copeland...

"Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you"

Tim

Thank you to our partners

We have had a busy 18 months and have already managed to secure so much valuable support from local companies, trusts and grant givers. We would like to say a heartfelt '**thank you**' to our generous donors. **Farnfield & Nicholls** have been long-term supporters of TLW Dance and with recent contributions from **Waitrose, Made by Sport, Swans Trust, Arnold Clark, Asda** and of course, all of you who so generously supported the raffles at the '2022 Showcase' and 'When I Grow Up', TLW Dance Foundation have been able to support young people attending classes at TLW Dance and to run a series of events to increase the exposure of young people to dance within the local community.



If you would like to request support from TLW Dance Foundation please contact us via <https://www.tlwdance.co.uk/foundation> or at tlwdancefoundation@gmail.com

Outreach & Holiday Experience

Thanks to the financial backing of our partners and the energy and inspirational teaching provided by TLW Dance teachers Charlotte and Tiffany, the TLW Dance Foundation have started a very successful Outreach Programme within Primary Schools in the Shaftesbury area. This introduction to dance has already inspired a number of new students to try out our holiday experience workshops and some have gone on to accept supported places at TLW Dance.

Get involved & Fundraising ideas

TLW Dance Foundation has had some terrific success already with grant applications but we are always on the look out for possible funding sources. If you know of any potential grant givers, trusts or corporate charity funds that it would be worth us applying to then please let us know. We really would welcome any ideas.

Could you organise and run a fundraiser for TLW Dance Foundation? Run a marathon, do a danceathon, cake sale, birthday present donations... the possibilities are endless!

Many thanks to James Bamford who organised a cake sale as part of his Project Dance Events.

"If it wasn't for the financial support I received at the start of my training and the unwavering support of TLW, I wouldn't be where I am today and I'm forever grateful!"

Meet the trustees

TLW Dance Foundation is a charitable organisation that has been set up to help fund dance and performing arts training to those who are experiencing financial hardship. (Our final application for registered charity status is currently with the Charity Commission). TLW Dance Foundation work in cooperation with TLW Dance but exists as a separate organisation run by trustees. At present there are four trustees:



Tim Ovenden (Chair)



Tiffany Longley-Wolff



Andrea Evans



Louisa Cowan

Regular Giving

Could you consider becoming one of our Regular Giving supporters?

This is one of the most secure ways of ensuring we can support as many children as possible to keep dancing year after year.

By adding a small amount to your monthly payments to TLW Dance you can support the work of TLW Dance Foundation and enable students from families who are struggling financially to enjoy all the fun and benefits that come from dance and the performing arts.

By signing up to just £5 per month, you would help us to keep the children we support to attend lessons, take essential exams and have the necessary dance uniform.

If you are able to become one of our Regular Giving supporters please click [here](#).

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Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

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Quiz Night Success!

On Saturday 22nd October, 12 teams did their best to get their brains into gear and battle it out for the title of 'Quiz Champions' at the first ever TLW Foundation Quiz Night. The evening raised a fantastic £769.53!

Everyone enjoyed an evening of fun, delicious food (thank you Michael) and general knowledge (thank you Alex) whilst raising money to support The Foundation. We hope this will be the first of many fun quiz nights!

ASDA Green Tokens

We need your help - and it's free, it just takes a couple of minutes of your time. The TLW Dance Foundation have been selected to be part of the Asda Green Token charitable giving system. If you click on [THIS](#), select Gillingham from the drop down list of supermarkets and then click on TLW Foundation, that will take us one step closer to receiving a lovely donation from Asda in the New Year. You can vote once a week so please do keep revisiting. Many thanks for your help.