



## Press Release

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Foundation for Community Dance launches on-line Development Needs Analysis (DNA) for community dance artists

The Foundation for Community Dance has launched a new on-line support package for community dance practitioners. The Development Needs Analysis tool (DNA) enables dance practitioners to identify their professional development needs in relation to the National Occupational Standards for Dance Leadership (NOS).

Aimed at both new and experienced community dance practitioners, the DNA provides each participant with a personalised record of their strengths and areas for growth and a list of resources that will help them meet their own development needs.

Foundation members can access the DNA by visiting [www.communitydance.org.uk/dna](http://www.communitydance.org.uk/dna)

Dr Scilla Dyke, Foundation for Community Dance member said:

*"FCD's Development Needs Analysis (DNA) and Toolkit is inspired... the relevance and breadth of questioning... and most crucially that it encapsulates as a list what you are good at or at least perceive you are good at, and without judgement suggests what you may benefit from..."*

*So refreshing as it reminds us of the qualities and skills, knowledge, experience and understanding that have relevance to real/live practice."*

Anna Leatherdale, the Foundation's **Professional Development Programme Manager (maternity cover)** said:

*"We hope that the DNA will give our members a new way of looking at the National Occupational Standards for Dance Leadership in relation to their own learning needs and make it easier to find a range of resources to support dance practitioners' continuing professional development."*

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### Notes to Editors:

1. For more information about the DNA please contact Lindsay Jenkins, Programme Coordinator for Professional Development on [lindsay@communitydance.org.uk](mailto:lindsay@communitydance.org.uk). For marketing queries please contact Danielle Marketing and Communications Administrator [danielle@communitydance.org.uk](mailto:danielle@communitydance.org.uk) or call 0116 253 3453.
2. The Foundation for Community Dance (FCD) is the professional organisation for anyone involved in creating opportunities for people to experience and participate

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in dance, and supports a network of 2,200 members across the UK. It provides professional development, information, advocacy and professional services for dance artists leading work with non-professionals. It leads a number of strategic development initiatives for dance, including dance and disabled people, health and wellbeing, Big Dance 2012 national programme, and older people and it works within an expanding international network.

3. Professional Individual Membership of the Foundation for Community Dance offers some brilliant benefits, including Civil Liability protection comprising Public Liability insurance up to £10 million, with Professional Indemnity insurance and a legal expenses cover. An additional Personal Accident benefit for the insured has recently been included, altogether offering fantastic cover for those working in community dance.
4. To become a member of FCD and benefit from reduced rates for NCCD events and publications visit [www.communitydance.org.uk/join](http://www.communitydance.org.uk/join) or call us on +44 (0) 116 253 3453.