



# WHAT'S ON GUIDE

WIGAN BOROUGH DANCE FESTIVAL  
12th July - 16th July



# ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Wigan Borough Dance Festival is an annual event co-ordinated by WigLe Dance CIC bringing together primary and secondary schools, dance schools, community groups and professional dance artists to participate in dance workshops, perform for their friends and family and to celebrate dance.

After a really tough year, we are excited to be bringing the Wigan Borough Dance Festival back for the fourth year in a row.

This year the dance festival will be completely digital including livestreams, a new website and a digital dance trail around the borough.

Curated and produced by our team of young producers and young directors, The Wigan Borough Digital Dance Festival will be our biggest and best yet.

Featuring...  
800 children and young people,  
38 brand new dance films,  
20 schools and community groups,  
9 young producers,  
8 young choreographers,  
6 professional artist commissions,  
2 livestream showcases -  
this is going to be an event not to be missed!



# MEET THE TEAM

This years dance festival has been managed and curated by a brand new team of young producers, supported by WigLe Dance, Blaze Arts & Hawk Dance Theatre.



Lydia May Malkin  
[@lydia\\_m\\_creative](#)



Emma Crook  
[@emmalvincent98](#)



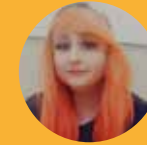
Jessica Porter  
[@jessporter283](#)



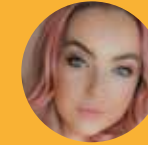
April Martin  
[@aprilmartindance](#)



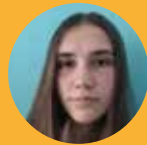
Emily Cramby  
[@cramby.dance.media](#)



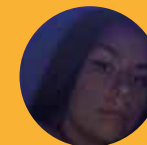
Caroline Halsall  
[@whatsername\\_182](#)



Gemma Watkins  
[@gemma.nw](#)



Karen Stockten



Leah Ratcliffe



# EVENT LINE UP

## WIGAN BOROUGH DANCE FESTIVAL

### Monday 12th July -

Dance Workshops @ WigLe Studios, Railway Road Leigh & Online

### Tuesday 13th July -

Dance Workshops @ WigLe Studios, Railway Road Leigh & Online

### Wednesday 14th July -

Official launch event @ WigLe Studios, Railway Road. By invitation only.

### Thursday 15th July -

Livestream performance showcase hosted by WigLe Young Producers featuring:

Ryan Fenton, Demae Dance, Amber Calland & Daisy Howell, Erin Kelly, Ella Scruton, Ruby Hampson, Emily Cramby, Fred Longworth High School, Sacred Heart Leigh, St Cuthberts, Lowton High School, Sacred Heart Hindley Green, Newfold Primary, WigLe Dance, Wigan Youth Zone, Kellie Marie Academy Of Dance

### Friday 16th July -

Livestream performance showcase hosted by WigLe Young Producers featuring:

Hawk Dance Theatre, Molly Press, Leah Croft, Robyn Brown, Lilly Newall, Evie Blackburn & Caitlin Fagan, Orrell St James, Castle Hill, Hindsford Primary School, Fred Longworth High School, Bedford High School WigLe Dance, Wigan & Leigh Young Carers, More Than Words, Abigail Bibby School of Dance, Tallia Dance, Wigan Athletic J&S, Street Dreams



# FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

## PIT BROW LASSES

A newly commissioned contemporary dance work by Amber Calland and Daisy Howell explores Wigan's Industrial Heritage and the famous Pit Brow Lasses. The piece was filmed by Lydia & Emily at The Lancashire Mining Museum. You can watch the piece on Thursday 15th July at 6:30pm or by exploring our Digital Trail from Saturday 17th July on - [www.wigledance.co.uk/dance-fest](http://www.wigledance.co.uk/dance-fest)

## GOT SOUL?

Over the past 10 weeks, Hindsford Primary School have been learning the famous Northern Soul steps with WigLe Dance. With all the Wigan Casino vibes you could want, their piece is fun and energetic. You can watch them on Thursday 16th July at 6:30pm.

## NO ROOTS

Young Choreographer Erin Kelly has created a new dance piece that fuses contemporary and commercial dance styles and features the newly refurbished Leigh Town Hall. Don't miss her performance on Thursday 15th July or view her dance as part of the Digital Trail.



## A BIG THANK YOU TO...

This years dance festival wouldn't have been possible without the support of our funders, partner venues and amazing collaborating organisations.

### FUNDERS –

Arts Council England and Wigan Council

### VENUES –

Lancashire Mining Museum, The Old Courts, The Fire Within, Leigh Town Hall, WigLe Studios

### PARTNERS –

WigLe Dance CIC, Hawk Dance Theatre  
Blaze Arts

Want to find out more? – visit our social media...



- WIGLE DANCE CIC



- @WIGLEDANCECIC



- @WIGLEDANCE



- @WIGLEDANCE



- WIGLE DANCE