

2010/2011 AWARDS

LUTSF has pleasure in announcing 19 travel scholarships for 2010/11. The funded projects highlight the policy of the Fund to support a diverse range of journeys and to assist individuals at different stages in their careers to travel to enrich their practice and pursue a personal passion.

Lisa Ullmann, in whose memory the Fund was established in 1986, was an inspiration to those who knew her or who came into contact with her work. A distinguished teacher, she travelled worldwide to teach others. It is in memory of her vivacity, passion and energy that the committee continues her work by selecting movement and dance practitioners to further or celebrate their own practice by making a journey. Since giving its first awards in 1987 LUTSF has provided 411 travel scholarships to help people to pursue an extraordinarily wide range of projects. Over the years LUTSF awards have totalled about £189,000.

The calibre of the 57 applicants was high this year and the process of selection continues to be competitive. There were applications from a wide range of age groups, from a majority of younger dancers and male dancers made up 23 % of applications showing a rise of 10% on 2009. Dance styles represented in the successful applications include Capoeira, Dance Movement Therapy, Graham technique and street styles.

LUTSF projects for 2010/11 include (full list available on the website);

Leeds to Tel Aviv to attend the 9th Israeli Contact Improvisation Festival

Aberystwyth to Toyko to participate in a Butoh project

London to Senegal to attend a workshop for dancers from the African diaspora

Bradford to Cape Town to work with Dance for All in rural and disadvantaged areas

Scotland to Sri Lanka to work with the Butterfly Peace Garden Project

Liverpool to Beijing to study at the Beijing Dance Academy.

A total of £11,208 has been awarded to 19 winners. Of the 19, 10 are under 30 and 9 are between 31 and 50. 3 awardees are male and 16 female showing no change in percentage of male awardees this year. Geographical spread is good with 8 awardees coming from London, 5 from the north, 1 from the south, 2 from Scotland, 2 from Wales and one from Northern Ireland

LUTSF gratefully acknowledges the support of Gillian Lynne, CBE, the late Annie Collins and the late Vivien Gear as well as many individual donors. The Management Committee of the Fund would like to congratulate scholarship winners, and is delighted that LUTSF is able to make so many exciting projects possible.

Donations (one-off gifts, covenants, or bequests) to make it possible for LUTSF to continue its work are gratefully received and should be sent to: The Treasurer (LUTSF) at the address below.

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