

## 2014/2015 Scholarships

LUTSF has pleasure in announcing 18 travel scholarships for 2014/15. The projects selected 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 over 450 travel scholarships to help people to pursue an extraordinarily wide range of projects. To date, these awards have totalled in excess of £200,000.

Applications for awards this year were received from a wide spectrum of the dance world with 56 eligible candidates. As in past years, the 2014/2015 applications revealed a higher quota from female dancers (48) as compared with only 8 applications from male dancers. The committee was encouraged to see that applications are now beginning to arrive from disabled dance artists and we would like to urge all colleagues to continue to bring the work of the fund to that sector of the dance world.

### **LUTSF projects for 2014/15 include** (full list available on the website) :

London to New York, to study on the Mark Morris Dance Company's Dance for Parkinson's Program.  
Surrey to Edinburgh, to attend discussions and master-classes on the Imagine Festival for young people.

Reading to California, to work with Axis Dance Company, studying their practice in technique and creative work for wheelchair dancers.

London to Marseilles to undertake a two-week residency for choreographic research.

Devon to Zimbabwe, to train in traditional Zimbabwean dance through mbira music.

Surrey to New York, to develop swing dance performance skills.

Edinburgh to Saratoga Springs, to take part in a Body Mind Centering Conference.

Leeds to Vancouver for career development as a freelance, independent dance practitioner

A total of £10,177 has been awarded to the 18 winners. Of the 18, 7 are under 30, 9 are between 31 and 50, and 2 are over 50. There are 3 male awardees and 15 female. The rich diversity of dance throughout the UK is well represented with 7 awardees coming from London, 4 from the north, 2 from the west, 3 from the south, 1 from Wales and 1 from Scotland.

LUTSF gratefully acknowledges the support of Dame Gillian Lynne, CBE, 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 possible so many exciting projects. The LUTSF website carries reports from all scholarship winners since 2002, and these reports give some insight into the value of the experiences gained from these travel awards.

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), 21 Whitecross Square, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL53 7AY

Application Forms can be completed online (or, if need be, downloaded and printed) from 1st September 2014 and must be submitted to arrive by 25th January 2015. No late applications are considered. Forms can also be obtained on receipt of an A5 SAE (1st class stamp) from: The Secretary (LUTSF), Stable Cottage, Manley Hall, Erbistock, Wrexham LL13 0DH

### PLEASE NOTE

LUTSF does not offer scholarships to anyone under 18 years of age, undergraduates or those studying for masters degrees, but travel relating to doctoral studies will be considered.