

2015/2016 Scholarships

LUTSF has pleasure in announcing 21 travel scholarships for 2015/16. 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 480 travel scholarships to help people to pursue an extraordinarily wide range of projects. To date, these awards have totalled in excess of £230,000.

Applications for awards this year were received from a wide spectrum of the dance world with 67 eligible candidates. As in past years, the 2015/2016 applications revealed a higher quota from female dancers (56) as compared with only 11 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 2015/16 include (full list available on the website) :

London to Ghent (USA), to attend the OMI International Dance Collective

Colchester to Oakland (USA), to participate in an Axis Dance Company course

Brighton to Vancouver, to engage in peer-to-peer exchanges in the specialist area of vertical dance

Birmingham to Christchurch (NZ), to perform and undertake a research project of teaching and developing relationships with artists, venues, councils and arts festivals.

Huntingdon to San Francisco, to build on knowledge and skills of working with special educational needs children

London to Findhorn (Scotland), to participate in a research week with US choreographer Deborah Hay

London to Rio de Janeiro, to attend the Abada-Capoeira Arts Festival

London to Frankfurt, to explore the creative contributions of dancers during The Forsythe Company's 2015 performing season

A total of £12,100 has been awarded to the 21 winners. Of the 21, 7 are under 30, 13 are between 31 and 50, and 1 is over 50. There are 6 male awardees and 15 female. The rich diversity of dance throughout the UK is well represented with 12 awardees coming from London, 4 from the north, 4 from the south 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), c/o Charlton Associates, 16 Berkeley Mews, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire,

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Application Forms for next year can be completed online (or, if need be, downloaded and printed) from 2nd November 2015 and must be submitted to arrive by 15th January 2016. No late applications are considered.

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.