



Dance Umbrella facts and figures

Bath's biggest schools dance event is taking place in March. We've put together a handy reference guide of facts and statistics about the event to help you with any coverage you would like to give it. Do get in touch if you would like more info.

Dates

Tickets for the event, at Bath's Forum, are hugely sought-after and usually sold-out well in advance. Tickets were so in demand last year that this year an extra night has been added.

- **Thursday 23 March - for Key Stage 1 students** * new night, especially for younger pupils *
- **Monday 27 - Thursday 30 March - Key Stage 2 students**

Numbers

- 5 dates - with different schools from across BANES performing every night
- 800+ - audience every night
- 2000+ - children participating
- 50+ - the number of schools from BANES participating
- 99 - separate dances performed
- 14 years - since Dance Umbrella first started
- 1 charity - **Make a Move** - donates the time and skills of its CEO to make the event happen.

Michelle Rochester, founder and CEO of movement & wellbeing charity **Make a Move**, is also co-founder and key organiser of Dance Umbrella. Each year Michelle runs dress rehearsals for all the children and produces the show. Michelle says *"We believe this is the largest children's event that takes place in the county, and we are very proud of it. Dance Umbrella has touched thousands of children and their families over the years. It is exhausting, but it's worth it!"*

Dance Umbrella is run by Bath and North East Somerset School Sport Partnership. The event sees pupils from schools across BANES perform pieces choreographed and rehearsed in PE lessons and afterschool club sessions across the county.

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Notes for editors

About Make a Move

Make a Move is a charity made up of, and working with, expert practitioners to support children, young people and older people, new mums, employers & the community.

The charity designs and delivers tailored sessions and projects using movement and other creative approaches to well-being, including mindfulness & meditation.

The importance of connection is fundamental to our work – the connection between body and mind, and connections between people. We take our work seriously but aim to inspire laughter, encourage a sense of fun and promote happiness.

We bring communities together by moving, talking, laughing and enjoying being part of something special. We aim to inspire everyone to make better life choices whilst engaging in physical activity and meeting others.

Charity founder Michelle Rochester is also co-founder of Dance Umbrella, an annual event which brings together thousands of children and young people from schools and youth projects across B&NES.

Make a Move is based in Keynsham, a small town near Bath and Bristol. Most of our work is in BANES but we also work in Bristol.

In 2015 the charity received a lottery grant, to support their work with mums suffering from low mood, for three years. In 2016 we celebrated our 5th birthday.

Donations

Local Giving page: <https://localgiving.org/makeamove>

Newsletter

Signup to the newsletter via Facebook, the website, or by following this link:

<http://eepurl.com/b3a0AT>

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