**Dance Leaders Group Spring Summit 2025**

Wednesday 2nd April

10am – 4:30pm

Dance Hub Birmingham

**Theme: Collaboration / Joining the Dots**

BSL interpreters: Jennifer Schneider-Lau & Hyacinth Powell

[Further access information available here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uNohckOalycpXjZ8CSTsONh33fgfMCsDLCweTKLXUHc/edit?usp=sharing)

[Millie Yarwood](https://www.instagram.com/millieyarwoodart/) has created a series of visual artworks sharing details of:

* Who / what is DLG
* Strength 2 Strength programme
* Summit agenda

**AGENDA**

**10am Dance together** (optional) - Junior Cunningham

**10:45am** Arrival for non-dancers. Tea, coffee, refreshments

**11:00am Introduction to the day**

**11:10am** **What have we been doing?** - Becky Bailey

Strength2Strength - Encounter & Exchange film

**11:30am Whos in the room**- facilitated networking activity ‘ joining the dots’

**11:50am Guest Contributor / Keynote Speaker -** [Susan Clarke, Stoke Creates](https://stokecreates.org.uk/about)

Theme: ‘extreme / radical collaboration: working together with others to

make things happen’ and why collaboration is needed more now than ever

**12:05pm Group discussions based on provocation**

**12:25pm “Collaboration in Action” – Practical Workshop/ breakout groups**

* What could collaboration look like with additional funding?
* What does collaboration look like without funding? Using what exists already in the network

1. **Strength 2 Strength 2** - systemic change across the region towards greater equity of opportunity and progression- Facilitated by Paul Reeve, Birmingham Royal Ballet
2. **Dance in Health**- co-facilitated by Erin Sanchez, One Dance UK & Yaël Owen, People Dancing
3. **Celebrating the Super-Diversity of Dance Forms** in the West Midlands: A Dance Ethnography of the Region - Co-facilitated by Piali Ray, Sampad & Louise Katerega
4. **Bridging the gap for young people & youth working**- co- facilitated by Clare Wood, Dancefest & Sophie Humphries, FABRIC

**1:15pm Plenary**

**1:30pm** **Lunch**

Showcasing short films from DLG members over lunch to share breadth of work & celebrate members

**2:15pm** **Youth Dance Performances:**

**Holly Riseborough**

**Flexus duet**

**Afrocave**

**2:30pm Practical Movement activity**, re-energising- led by Ogechi Ochiagha

**2:45pm ‘The Solution Lab’**

A taster experience of a facilitated approach to diagnose challenges and find solutions together

**3:05pm Open Space for Collaborative Working**

**3:15pm Breakout working groups**

**3:50pm Plenary**

**4:10pm Reflect on the day and agree actions**

**4:20pm Performance:**

ME Dance Duet

**4:30pm End of formal proceedings**

**After-hours** - Informal Networking Social with drinks at Sidewalk Bar (131 Hurst St, Birmingham B5 6SE)