

Impact report: Alfie - Next Generation Leader Journey

Summary

Alfie, 14 from Crawley, first started dancing in 2022 at a Y.E.S Project Club at Dormans Youth Arts Centre and has since showed a huge passion and talent for dance leadership. In 2024, Alfie completed his Level 2 Dance Leaders Qualification via a funded place and was ready for the next step. After receiving funding from Fonthill Foundation, Marina Studios Foundation working with DanceHub CIC supported Alfie to further his dance education and become a Next Generation Dance Leader.

Alfie's Next Generation Achievements:

Throughout his time as a Next Generation Leader, Alfie has engaged with new training, experiences and opportunities to help grow his dance leadership knowledge, confidence and improve his skills for future aspirations.

Some of his key achievements include:

- **March'25:** As a result of improved behaviour at school, Alfie was given the opportunity to host DanceHub's annual events held at The Hawth Theatre. Within this role he had to create a script for an event which communicated clear messages and deliver this to over 800 people. This helped to develop presentation skills, public speaking, confidence and adaptability.
- **April'25:** Alfie became a co-teacher at the Y.E.S Project Club at Dormans Youth Arts Centre, teaching 10 young people aged 8-12 in weekly Dance and Movement sessions. Within these sessions Alfie is practically learning about behaviour management, child-first coaching, session planning and developing key skills and experiences to become a dance teacher. To support his teaching, he has also undertaken training on safeguarding and inclusive dance.
- **April'25 - Dec'25:** Alfie attends weekly dance development classes at Brighton Marina Studios.
- **Aug'25:** Alfie independently leads a dance and movement session for 25 young people at The Y.E.S Project Summer camp, putting his knowledge into practice.

Alfie's Next Generation Achievements:

- Dec'25: Alfie helps to plan, organise and deliver a community dance showcase for 95 young people from Crawley. Within this, he learnt about social media creation, website design, event organisation, communications and how to effectively deliver events for his local community.

Alfie now has future ambitions to become a dance teacher, the experiences, education, skills and knowledge gained through the Next Generation programme will support him on this journey.

Thoughts from Alfie:

“I am happy with everything that has been offered to me by Marina Studios Foundation, DanceHub and The Y.E.S Project. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. It means a lot, without this I genuinely would never have got into the things I have and probably wouldn't even be doing dance. Most people take things like this for granted, but not many 14 year olds have achieved what I have through dance, and I really appreciate it”,

