

# Forward Motion '25

7th, 8th and 9th March 2025

## Welcome to Forward Motion 2025!

DanceHub CIC are always proud to produce this annual event working with Crawley Borough Council and the Hawth Theatre to bring Forward Motion in 2025 and beyond.

The ethos of Forward Motion has been integral to its success for over 25 years encouraging dancers from communities across Crawley to come together in a creative celebration of Dance and Movement showcased on the Hawth stage.

Crawley is brimming with diverse cultures and communities; Forward Motion aims to engage with, and showcase, these communities through the power of Dance and Movement. It is an inclusive and accessible platform for all dancers regardless of age, ability or background to have a chance to perform on stage, surrounded by other supportive and encouraging Crawley based dance creatives.

Forward Motion would not be possible without the hard work, dedication and artistry of the many dance organisations within Crawley and the performances over the weekend celebrate and highlight this.

This event is not to be missed as dancers from across the borough come together to showcase their talents at a fun, inclusive and positive showcase.

If that wasn't enough, Forward Motion 2025 will be kickstarting Crawley's first ever festival of Dance and Movement running throughout March and April which will unite local people, spotlight Crawley's diverse dance community and engage new creatives and audiences through a range of events, activities and campaigns. More details in due course - watch this space!



## DanceHub:

Forward Motion 2025 is produced by DanceHub CIC working in partnerships with Crawley Borough Council and The Hawth Theatre.

DanceHub is a Community Interest Company that aims to enhance communities through Dance and Movement initiatives that will develop, deliver and champion an inclusive culture.

[www.dancehub.uk](http://www.dancehub.uk)

## Application, agreement and rules:

### When is Forward Motion 2025?

Saturday 8th March 2025 and Sunday 9th March 2025.

Dance groups may be required for technical rehearsals on Friday 7th March 2025.

Maximum of 24 dancers (this includes anyone on stage at any point) and 3 licensed chaperones\*

\*If you require more than 1 slot, please complete this on the form. By noting this on the form it doesn't confirm your second slot. Slots will be confirmed in Autumn 2024.

### Performance regulations:

The performance must be no more than 5 minutes in length.

Music must be submitted as an mp3 file by the stipulated deadlines which will be provided following your confirmation email.

You are permitted to have a maximum of 24 dancers and 3 licensed chaperones from the named group involved.

The performance must be appropriate to a family audience (i.e. no explicit language and suitable costume/props).

Groups or members of the public are not permitted to record or photograph any, or part of the performance.





## How do I apply and what will be expected of me?

- Groups must register by completing the application form which is available on our website and will be emailed to you once the applications are live.
- You will receive an email to confirm your application has been received.
- Once all applications have been reviewed, you will receive an email confirming your performance(s) in Forward Motion 2025 – this should be no later than September 2024.
- Upon applying to perform at Forward Motion you will be asked to complete an agreement which asks each group to abide by the safeguarding rules set by DanceHub.
- By returning the agreement, you are also confirming that you will be submitting all required paperwork, to comply with child licensing requirements, by the stipulated deadline for DanceHub to obtain appropriate licenses for the event to go ahead. DanceHub will send these documents to you after your performance slots have been confirmed.
- These are compulsory documents, that must be completed for your group to be able to perform at Forward Motion 2025.
- Only Dance Principals and licensed chaperones will be permitted to enter the backstage area of the venue.
- Only dancers who have been included in all the relevant forms will be allowed backstage.
- It is expected that all children and young people will be well behaved within the venue and under the supervision of teachers and/or licensed chaperones, to find out more about child licensing regulations please see here - <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/employing-children/chaperone-licence/>



## Performer requirements and policies.

All participants must remain in the venue for the duration of the event after arrival, this is to ensure participants are covered by DanceHub's Safeguarding Policy and Body of Persons License at all times. Please ensure that all participants have enough food and drink for the duration of the event.

We will not tolerate any negative behaviour, from either dancers, teachers, chaperones or audience members towards staff or other dance communities. Any abusive or negative behaviour will be noted and could lead to your dance school being removed from Forward Motion applications going forward. We operate a one warning policy before action is taken.

Parents will not be allowed to go to dressing rooms or backstage at any time including for collection, regardless of where in the auditorium they are seated. The DanceHub team are also not responsible for connecting dancers and parents' post-event but will require dance principals to provide a group sign out with a DanceHub staff member.

After your application has been accepted you will be required to sign a photograph and film consent form on behalf of your dance group. Photographs and recordings taken during Forward Motion 2024 will be used on DanceHub social media pages, website and in our marketing materials. DanceHub will not use images unless parent/guardian permission has been obtained.

DanceHub's Policies (including Safeguarding and Privacy) can be found on our website: <https://dancehub.uk/policies/>

Once your dancers are confirmed, please let us know about any accessibility requirements from your dance school so we can ensure the event is accessible for everyone.

You can view the Hawth accessibility guide here: <https://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/the-hawth/accessibility>



We are excited to welcome you to Forward Motion 2025! If you have any questions please contact [jade@dancehub.uk](mailto:jade@dancehub.uk)