



FORWARD MOTION 2027

INFORMATION PACK

5TH - 8TH MARCH 2027



PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS

Your dance school or group must be either based in Crawley or regularly offer open session within the Crawley area.

Dance groups may be required for technical rehearsals during late afternoon/evening on Friday 5th March or prior to performances on Saturday 6th March or Sunday 7th March 2027

WELCOME

DanceHub CIC are proud to once again produce this annual event in collaboration with Crawley Borough Council and the Hawth Theatre to bring Forward Motion in 2027 and beyond.

Forward Motion 2027 will be a key part of DaM Fest'27, taking place throughout March with a dynamic

line-up of events, activities, and campaigns celebrating Dance and Movement across Crawley. Stay tuned - more details coming soon!

WHAT IS FORWARD MOTION?

Forward Motion is a vibrant celebration of dance and movement, inviting dancers from across Crawley's communities to come together and share the stage at The Hawth.

It's an inclusive and accessible platform that showcases the town's rich cultural diversity, welcoming dancers of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Through creativity, collaboration, and performance, Forward Motion brings Crawley's spirit to life in one joyful, shared expression.

Each group can have up to a total of 24 dancers and a maximum of 3 licensed chaperones per performance.

All performances must be suitable for a family audience (this includes radio edits of music, costumes, props and dance content).

Dance schools requesting 3 performance slots must present at least 2 different routines, with varied dancers where possible.

Only participating performers and chaperones are permitted backstage and must stay backstage for the duration of the show.

Recording or photographing any part of the performance is strictly prohibited for both participating groups and members of the public.

Performances must be no more than 4 minutes in length.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- 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.
- If you require more than 1 slot, please complete this on the form. By noting this on the form it doesn't confirm your multiple slots. Slots will be confirmed in Autumn 2026.
- 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 2027 – this should be no later than end of September 2026.

IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, WHAT'S NEXT?

Following your email confirmation, there will be a series of paperwork that is required to complete your participation in Forward Motion 2027. These documents are needed to comply with child licensing requirements and the smooth running of the show. The documentation needed will be:

- Participant, Chaperone and Principals information
Must be submitted with all sections of the form completed along with any medical conditions of dancers for our records.
- Music and Lighting requirements
Must be submitted as an MP3 file along with brief lighting requirements.
- Media Consent form
Photographs and recordings taken during Forward Motion 2027 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.

Deadlines for the above documentation will be shared with you. Failure to provide the above by given deadlines could impact your groups participation in Forward Motion 2027.

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME AND MY DANCERS?

- All participants must remain in the venue for the duration of the event after arrival and groups will be dismissed from the venue by DanceHub Staff.
- 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.
- 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.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

DanceHub's Policies (including Safeguarding and Privacy) can be found here 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.

For more information about chaperone licenses and child licensing requirements please visit: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/employing-children/chaperone-licence/>

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 2027!
If you have any questions please contact: jade@dancehub.uk