

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need previous experience?
No. Anyone can join.

Can boys join?
Of course. Boys are very welcome. One of the teachers of Daring Feet is a man.

What if I have a disability?
Get in contact with us. Usually it shouldn't make a difference.

Is it difficult?
Difficult enough to be interesting. Not so difficult that it's scary or impossible!

Can I try it out for a while?
Yes, of course. But why not just join and take a leap!

What are Daring Feet's plans for the future?
The company meets weekly and there will be regular performance opportunities. Friends and family are always welcome at performances so you can show off your new skills!

Membership fee £5
Weekly classes only £3

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What is special about Daring Feet?

Daring Feet works like a real dance company. It runs throughout the year and members can be involved in classes, productions, workshops and performances.

Where is Daring Feet based?

The company is based at Echo Echo Dance Studio in the Waterside Theatre. There is a big dance studio with a great view across the city.

What kind of dance is it?

Daring Feet is a contemporary youth dance company that draws on many different non-competitive dance forms and styles. The emphasis is on creativity and expression. It's not really like classical ballet. There is a lot of improvisation and movement exploration, and each member brings his or her own taste and ideas to the work.

Who leads Daring Feet?

Steve Batts is the Artistic Director of Daring Feet. He is a very experienced professional dancer, teacher and choreographer and has worked locally and internationally for many years. Steve is regularly asked to work with dance companies, universities and festivals throughout Ireland and across Europe and the Middle East.

Experienced local dance professionals, Ursula Laebli and Ayesha Mailey from Echo Echo, work with the company on specific projects. Visiting teachers and choreographers are also invited to work with the group occasionally.

What sort of music does Daring Feet use to dance to?

We use all kinds of music. Sometimes it is more pop, sometimes world music, occasionally jazz or classical. It depends on the choreography and the ideas behind a performance.

When does Daring Feet meet?

The company meets for a regular class every Wednesday during term times between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. When we come near to a performance, we meet more often to rehearse. We also run summer schools and intensive courses so contact us for more info!

Are there any exams or tests?

No, not unless you think performing is a test!



Do I have to be a particular size or shape?

No, it doesn't matter how fit, big or small, heavy or light you are. Anyone can join! Dance has many benefits that can improve your fitness and wellbeing while having fun!

What if I am doing GCSE or A-Level Dance?

It would be great for us if you joined. We would love to have your skills and experience. You would also learn a lot from the professional dancers and choreographers who teach and direct the company. It might help you decide if dance is a genuine further education or career option for you.

What if I am in an important exam year at school?

You can be a member and only choose to do some performance projects. For example you could do a project in autumn and in early spring and then concentrate on your schoolwork. Actually, dance could be good for your studies as it is a great break from revising- it really freshens up your brain!

What if I want to go on to further education or professional training in dance?

Daring Feet is definitely for you. It is a great way to develop your performance skills, to learn from professional dancers, and to experience different ways of creating choreography.

Previous Daring Feet members have gone on to become professional dancers or to take dance at further education. We can give you advice on the career development opportunities out there.