

Access & Participation 2023-24 Executive Summary

Over the academic year 2023-24, NSCD have delivered four strands of work to meet its Access & Participation (APP) targets which are to increase the Access of 3 target groups:

1. Students from low-participation neighbourhoods
2. Students from the most deprived neighbourhoods
3. Students from the Global Majority

These four strands are:

1. Targeted Student Recruitment - Through 4 different interventions, NSCD worked with 501 participants, 81% of which were from an APP target group.
2. Targeted Application Support - Through 3 different interventions, NSCD worked with 102 participants, 29% of which were from an APP target group.
3. Targeted training & provision for youth dancers - Through 2 different interventions, NSCD worked with 66 participants, 64% of which were from an APP target group.
4. Children's & Youth Dance Offer - Through 5 different interventions, NSCD worked with 5,589 participants, 37% of which were from an APP target group.

Although initial internal data shows that NSCD are not yet meeting the targets set out in the APP, it is encouraging to see the high numbers of participants from APP target groups who have engaged with Access activity in 2023-24.

2023-24 has provided opportunity to reflect on NSCDs Access offer and plan new interventions to be launched in 2024-25. A more tailored approach will be piloted, introducing activity only for targeted applicants to try to give more support to fewer applicants. The aim is that this will upskill participants so they will succeed at audition.