



Dance United Yorkshire (DUY) has been a longstanding and impactful partner for the Bradford School of Art, significantly enhancing our performing arts curriculum. They provide employer-led dance projects and role model placement opportunities. Through workshop and interview processes, DUY actively contributes to the development of our learners, offering insights into industry expectations and standards. Their commitment to our curriculum is evident, as they have previously engaged with QER and OFSTED representatives.

Starting September, DUY will utilise our facilities weekly for their performance company rehearsals, further solidifying our collaboration. They have also participated in employer events and sponsored our Ambition Hub program, demonstrating their investment in our students' futures.

Additionally, during our Cultural Careers Week, DUY delivered a workshop on industry etiquette and professionalism, addressing feedback from our employer forums about the need for these essential skills.

Several of our alumni continue to work with DUY, gaining invaluable experiences, including opportunities with Matthew Bourne and participation in a BBC documentary.

This partnership has also led to expanded opportunities for students across various courses, such as a recent commission for our media students to document a large-scale dance project, which was showcased publicly.

Furthermore, our Media Make up students regularly provide support in hair and makeup, while our photography students engage in placements, contributing to DUY's productions.

This collaboration exemplifies our commitment to creating a dynamic and industry-relevant curriculum that prepares students for successful careers in the performing arts.

## **Strengths**

### **Comprehensive Support**

DUY provides a range of employer-led projects and placement opportunities, enhancing student learning and professional readiness.

### **Skill Development**

Workshops on industry etiquette and professionalism directly address gaps identified through employer feedback, ensuring students are better prepared for employment.

### **Active Engagement**

DUY participation in employer events and sponsorship of programs like the ambition Hub underscores their commitment to student success.

### **Real-World Experience**

Opportunities to work on high-profile projects with recognised entities such as Matthew Bourne and the BBC provide students with significant industry exposure.

### **Collaborative Projects**

The partnership has led to interdisciplinary collaborations, allowing students from various courses to gain practical experience in different aspects of performance production.

### **Long-Term Opportunities**

Several students maintain ongoing roles with DUY, illustrating the effectiveness of the partnership in fostering career pathways.

### **Facilities Utilisation**

By hiring our space for rehearsals, DUY strengthens the relationship and provides additional opportunities for our students to engage with professional practice.

<https://www.duy.org.uk/>

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