

# Future of the Hebden Bridge Dance Festival?

As founder and ex-chair of the [#HBdanceF](#) (“my baby”), here’s MY appeal & view (which is not shared by other people in the team) about the Hebden Bridge Dance Festival:

Please support our dance festival by becoming a member (then you’ll have a say at decisions at future meetings). If you join after the summer holidays, it’ll only cost £5.

How about getting involved organising another dance festival? Please contact us ASAP (no obligation whatsoever at this point). We need “new blood”, as the organisers are a bit worn out. Experience shows, that a group of people who get on well with each other, has the best chances of a smooth, easy and successful outcome.

## What happened since our 2nd HBdanceF (20 - 22 Oct. 2017)?

Our team was already a bit tired after having discussed the web site, and the need to meet various funding necessities. Organising over 20 dance events in different venues, finding and co-ordinating volunteers was a lot of work. Despite the rain, and the flood sirens going off on Saturday 21st, we did create a good dance festival, and received lots of good feedback!

We did not take time to relax after the festival , and we didn’t have a post-festival celebration; instead we had to write evaluation reports including feedback and finances, which required more meetings and discussions.

At our HBdanceF AGM in February 2018, I announced I wanted to spend less time and energy for the HBdanceF in the future, step back, and let others take over. I was persuaded to step down. A new chair, secretary and treasurer were voted in.

Deadline pressures, illness & other things slowed us down, the admin requirements suffocated the joy of dancing, frustration and personal dissonances between us grew,. In May 2018 the new chair and secretary stepped down.

## So here we are...

I feel, transparency is important, so you know about the situation.

I hope a new group will evolve, meet, look & feel how they get on with each other.

I am happy to support the process if and when needed and happy to chat with you.

Please call me on 07909 488272 – or 01422 647157 or email [hbdancef@gmail.com](mailto:hbdancef@gmail.com)

Keep dancing – “if you fall, make it part of the dance.”

Ever optimistic,

Ralph Nimmann, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

