

Moving Oxford

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Moving Oxford was a large scale dance event delivered by *moving Voices* volunteers who underwent some fantastic training to become an Event Management Team. Made up of twenty six volunteers, the team had only six weeks to learn skills they described as invaluable, around planning, budgeting, creativity tasks such as designing posters & flyers, writing press releases and leadership. The team organised and ran the event which brought together the whole dance community in Oxfordshire, with a whopping 200 performers! Part of the huge excitement was the 20 stallholders including large organisations such as Oxford Playhouse and Talent Oxford which provided loads of information and opportunities for dance enthusiasts as well as dance groups offering their various classes and styles. There were also lots of workshops in different styles including Hip-Hop, Ceroc, Zumba and Gumboot so there was definitely something for everyone to try. Held in Oxford Town Hall, the venue was beautiful and the participants loved being able to get up and dance in-between performances, showing off their skills. People were going crazy for the headlining act, Animaineax who mingled with the audience before performing their slick, beautiful routines to Michael Jackson. The performers were not far off from being professional themselves and seemed to love performing with all their friends and family watching. I was blown away by their enthusiasm and how the event management team organised the whole day in such a short time with it running so smoothly and everyone having a good time. It was a great atmosphere and showed an unbelievable amount of talent from all ages in Oxfordshire and something the team should be very proud of!