



## **UKEDC Awards Criteria 2023**

### **The UKEDC inclusion award**

The award will be presented to a person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to including equality dancers within the wider partner-dancing world in the UK. Examples of possible nominations:

- A teacher or a dance school that has consistently worked to include equality dancers within a teaching environment that is not aimed specifically at equality dancers.
- A social dance organizer whose events are not aimed at the equality dance community but who has actively included equality dancers.
- A dance-teaching organization that has consistently worked to include the needs of equality dancing within its syllabus and training program.
- A competition organizer that has gone above and beyond to include equality dancers in competitions that are not specifically aimed at equality dancers.
- Individuals who have made significant efforts to promote the inclusion of equality dance within the wider partner-dance community.

### **The UKEDC community development award**

The award will be presented to a person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to strengthening and/or expanding the equality dancing community in the UK. Examples of possible nominations:

- A teacher, dance school, social dance event organizer or dance holiday organizer that has developed new dancing opportunities aimed specifically at equality dancers.
- An individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to promoting equality dancing within the LGBTQ+ community.
- An individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to developing equality dance competitions such as training competitors, developing rules, organizing competitions.
- An individual or an organization that has made a significant contribution to increasing the inclusion with the equality dance community of transgender, non-binary individuals, and other minorities.

### **The UKEDC champion award**

The award will be presented to an individual or organisation who has made a significant, but potentially unacknowledged, contribution to the equality dance community in the UK. Examples of possible nominations:

- An individual who always makes a special effort to welcome new dancers at equality dance social events.
- Someone who frequently volunteers to help at equality dance events.
- An individual who does a great job of posting on social media and keeping everyone up to date
- A competitor or competitive couple who have used their own profile to raise the profile of equality dancing generally.