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Dance & Somatic Practices Conference 2013 at Coventry University, UK

Attending to movement: Somatic perspectives on living in this world Friday 12 July – Sunday 14 July 2013
Coventry University School of Art & Design
Centre for Dance Research (C-DaRE)

This three-day event, presented in collaboration with Independent Dance (London), invites somatic practitioners, dance artists and scholars from a range of subject domains to transverse discipline borders and investigate the approaches that embodied thinking and action can afford to philosophical and socio-cultural inquiry.

The conference celebrates and builds upon the work of visionary dance artist, teacher and scholar Gill Clarke (1954 –2011), who championed the value of somatic approaches within and beyond dance education and creative practice.

The event aims to investigate the potentials of embodied thinking and action to provoke new questions and to develop new ways of engaging with wide ranging trans-disciplinary concerns. In remembering Gill, we actively invite practitioners, teachers, scholars and artists to join the conference, and offer contributions that are inspired by the theme of 'attending to movement'.

The conference will offer discussion, engagement, debate and experimentation through papers, workshops, lecture demonstrations, round tables, working parties, provocations, and performative interventions. Building on the somatics conference in July 2011, the 2013 conference will make space for dialogue between somatic practitioners and scholars, to support cross-sectoral and cross-cultural discovery.

Convened by Professor Sarah Whatley, Dr Natalie Garrett Brown and Ms Kirsty Alexander

Contributors will have the opportunity to submit academic papers and other textual contributions for consideration for a dedicated issue of the *Journal of Dance & Somatic Practices*.

Key dates for the conference:

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: 1 October 2012
Notification of acceptance: 31 January 2013
Registration opens: 25 February 2013

Find more details on the Dance & Somatic Practices Conference: http://jdsp.coventry.ac.uk/Conference.html

