About Dialogue

We are: a **non-profit** knowledge sharing **network** for **Community Performance** practitioners.

We aim: to build the capacity of **Community Performance** practitioners to **generate and use evidence** in order to **boost and sustain their work**.

> *We define Community Performance as methodologies and strategies that involve the* **Performing Arts** *in projects facilitated by, with and for* **community groups.**
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> *Our definition includes various Performing Art forms, including: Circus, Clowning, Dance, Drama, Puppetry, Storytelling and Theatre.*

Our 'primary activity' is: to **curate knowledge** about Community Performance which we achieve through two major programmes:

- **Archiving**: we archive materials about past and ongoing projects in order to collate existing resources about Community Performance.
- **Documentation**: we run training and mentoring programmes to help practitioners generate original resources about their practice, whilst also offering consultancy services to document Community Performance projects, programmes, and conferences ourselves.

Our 'secondary activity' is: to **share the knowledge** we curate by maintaining an international **Online Resource Library**. This is a **knowledge sharing platform** that may be contributed to, and accessed by, stakeholders.

Our 'tertiary activity' is: to develop our international Online Resource Library as a 'hub', through which we foster an **international collaborative network** of stakeholders. By doing so, we will be able to:

- Undertake **Advocacy** work to promote the methodologies of Community Performance.
- Act as a **Community Noticeboard** to keep stakeholders abreast of recent news, events, and job opportunities.
- Offer **Consultancy** to assist stakeholders to develop strategy and implement projects.
- Offer **Education & Training** opportunities, through which stakeholders can learn from documented models of practice.
- Act as an **Evidence Hub**, supporting stakeholders to create better documentary evidence and to improve Monitoring & Evaluation initiatives.
- Act as a **Networking Hub** to identify and support possible relationships and areas of collaboration between stakeholders.
- Act as a **Resource Bank** to assist stakeholders in conducting their work effectively, and to reduce unnecessary duplication of work.