

## INVITATION Global Water Dances 2021 goes digital!

Every two years Global Water Dances (GWD) uses the international language of dance to promote awareness and a behavioural shift toward solutions for water preservation and conservation through community engagement. Dancers and citizens come together for water issues and safe drinking water.

2021 is our sixth GWD event and our 10th year working and telling the story of water with our bodies. To celebrate the 10th anniversary we plan a full week of festivities and actions connecting local and global water issues from June 8th through July 13.

In 2019, over 180 sites on every continent except Antarctica streamed their events across the globe. And this year, we're expecting more than 200 sites to participate. Frankfurt will be one of them again!

This is our second time participating in the event. This year we will focus on "Water is Life". Once again, we count with the support of our environment officer Ms. Rosemarie Heilig, and other institutions such as #cleanffm.

The great Main river and many other water bodies enrich our city in many ways. During the pandemic, we have noticed that the otherwise very clean banks of the Main river and the parks are becoming increasingly littered. This garbage is sometimes thrown into nature and our water is getting polluted. Plastic residues find their way into the oceans and micro-plastic pollutes our drinking water and thus our bodies.

"If we treat our environment and resources with respect, it gives us the nourishment we need. A true cycle - a water cycle for which we dance." said Silke Wiegand, initiator of Global Water Dances Frankfurt am Main.

Global Water Dances is housed at the Laban/Bartenieff Institute of Movement Studies (LIMS) in New York City. For more information, watch the documentary featuring interviews with three of the founders together with video excerpts from dance performances from the last 10 years, ranging from Johannesburg to Bogota, Paris and Frankfurt: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktnQ0GGlvr0&t=1793s</u>

**Join the wave, make a splash:** We invite you to be part of this celebration and join our GWD Frankfurt online event on Saturday, June 12th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm (CEST local time) via video conference by using Zoom.

To register send us a short E-Mail with your name and contact details to: <u>globalwaterdan-</u> <u>ces.frankfurt.main@gmail.com</u> and look us up in Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/GlobalWa-</u> <u>terDancesFrankfurtamMain</u>