

# **Dunedin Dancers**

## **International Folk Dance Festival**

### **23rd - 31st July 2011**



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**Could you offer accommodation  
to a new friend who shares a love  
of music and dance?**

**From 23rd to 31st July 2011, Dunedin Dancers will be holding their 21st International Folk Dance Festival, a biennial event involving international dance displays throughout East Central Scotland, workshops, ceilidhs, parties, and lots of fun and friendship.**

This year around 100 dancers and musicians from Austria, Spain and Sweden will be arriving for our festival, and they all need somewhere to sleep, shower and have breakfast. Would you like to open your spare room to a new friend who shares a love of music and dance? The festival itself is based at George Watson's College, Morningside, where most meals will be provided by us, but we are looking for volunteers to provide bed and breakfast, a couple of evening meals and a couple of packed lunches.

Unfortunately we cannot afford to pay commercial bed and breakfast rates, but we can offer you £25 per visitor for the week, which should at least pay for their food. In line with this, accommodation does not need to be five star or in any way fancy, it could be on the couch or on a camp bed in the living room. You do not have to be a Michelin-starred chef - cereal and toast is fine. If you are without transport, dislike late nights or have to work all week, then any reluctance you feel is entirely understandable. However, none of this need be a problem - if necessary we can assist your guests to get to and from George Watson's in the mornings and evenings. And the more information you give us, the easier it will be to match you with suitable guests. You may be apprehensive about having strangers in your house but you really don't need to worry, past experience has shown that all of our visitors are very friendly, and with an overseas guest or two in your house you really get swept along with the fun of the festival. You can participate as fully as your time and energy allow - this year's festival features a Hosts' Party on the Monday when you can come and watch your guests perform and let them twirl you round the room! Past experience has also shown that language differences need not be a barrier, and most of our guests normally have a basic understanding of English as a minimum.

If the idea of hosting interests you and you would like more information, entirely without obligation, please speak to Caroline Brockbank on 0131 667 8898 or email [hosting@dunedindancers.org.uk](mailto:hosting@dunedindancers.org.uk)

Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you.

