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## DANCE. WORKFORCE. RESILIENCE. ADVISORY GROUP

With the launch of the [Dance. Workforce. Resilience. \(DWR\) Initiative](#) in 2022, the DWR Task Force was established to advise and assist the Initiative on behalf of the organization and the dance field in the metropolitan area.

We learned a tremendous amount from that first iteration, and thus have restructured the Task Force to create two separate groups that will support the initiative moving forward. They are:

- the DWR Advisory Group with members from the creative sector that are based in New York City and the metro area that will focus on providing feedback on initiative activities, and
- the [DWR Network](#), made up of participating entities and organizations supporting us in this work.

### Advisory Group (2023–Current)



[Abigail Levine](#), choreographer and writer

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[Andrea Arenasvazquez \(Ace Fusion\)](#), CEO of Amargue Flow Dance Academy LLC, CEO Ace Fusion Entertainment LLC

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April Biggs, April Biggs, Dance Artist; Disability+ Working Group Member, Creating New Futures

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Carla Hoke-Miller, Director of Theatre Programs and Partnerships  
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Charmaine Warren, Performer/Writer + Founder/Artistic Director,  
Black Dance Stories & Dance on The Lawn: Montclair's Dance Festival

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Vanessa Hernández Cruz, Disabled Dance Artist, Choreographer, Disability Justice Activist  
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