

# How to be a Dance Angel

Are you a Dance Angel?

A Dance Angel is:

- Comfortable with and able to help a beginner with all of the basic and most of the advanced figures in our core repertoire
- Capable of retaining the sequence of figures, pattern or track of a dance
- Good at reassuring beginners about their progress
- Skilled at assisting and directing a beginner with eyes and gesture, preferably without words
- Acute in judging whether a newcomer is a beginner or an experienced dancer from other parts
- Able to get the set back on track after a meltdown/train wreck
- Willing to approach and welcome newcomers
- Accessible to acquaintance by wearing a name tag
- Happy to introduce newcomers to experienced dancers and hand them on to experienced partners
- A model of respect for the dance by attentive listening during teaching
- Unafraid to ask for repeated or expanded explanation if their partner hasn't understood the teaching
- Not shy about speaking up and requesting a walk-through if needed
- Ready to change sets when that's helpful, or even change partners
- Willing to gallantly partner our perennial beginners
- Someone who fosters a friendly atmosphere by making sure that everyone who needs one has an encouraging and reliable partner
- A host who looks for newcomers at the break and befriends them