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Shared Weight is excited to announce that two brand-new email discussion lists have been launched this fall! Join the conversations at sharedweight.net.

Alt Choreo

This new group discusses how traditional dance (contra, English, community, square, family dance, etc.) can be changed for virtual spaces or distanced choreography during the pandemic. The group's goal is to support each other by:

- Asking and answering questions of interest to choreographers.
- Changing the way we think about traditional contra, ECD, and square choreography.
- Thinking about physically distanced dances.
- Discussing and testing solo, two-person, and small-set choreography.

Growing Up Trad!

This list is for caregiving adults who love traditional dance, music, and/or song. Conversations focus on nurturing these traditions within our families, particularly with the children in our care. Topics include:

- Songs, dances, and tunes that we can easily teach/share with our children.
- Creative ideas on how to engage our kids in traditional music and dance.
- Learning opportunities for children (e.g., online workshops).
- Opportunities for families to connect at traditional dance, music, and song events.



Check out cdss.org/portal for hundreds of resources that support singers, callers, dance musicians, organizers, families, educators and more. Here are a few recent additions and updates.

COVID-19 Resources

We recently completed a major update to the COVID-19 section of the portal, including adding many new resources for organizers, freelancers, and callers.

Courtesy and Etiquette Guidelines from CDSS

The CDSS Community Culture and Safety Task Group has been working hard to develop a comprehensive Toolkit for local leaders to address community culture and safety. The Toolkit will include information on: (1) statements of community values, (2) codes of conduct, (3) courtesy and etiquette, (4) complaint response procedures, and (5) the physical venue. The third section is now complete and posted on the website: cdss.org/toolkit. The first major piece of the toolkit completed focuses on courtesy and etiquette. This resource includes a template with options for language and also examples from different communities.

Vision: First Things First

Back in 2011 at the first Puttin' On The Dance conference, Bob Henshaw, David Millstone, and Delia Clark led a fantastic workshop on vision and mission statements. The workshop stands the test of time and is a great resource to use if you're developing a vision statement or want to revisit and update your mission statement. Plus, there are some other great resources about vision statements in the Portal that can help as well. Dig in!

Suggest new resources to be featured at cdss.org/share-your-resource. We welcome resources for all sections.

