

Jon Beney

Jon Beney's rugby career started at 16 years of age when he represented Hull Schools, Humberside, Yorkshire and Great Britain going on to receive British Player of the Year 1998. After a head injury playing for Hull Kingston Rovers cut his rugby career short, he went to train at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance. Upon graduating Jon has performed with Virtual Motion Dance Co, Dans Connect, Protein Dance and Balletlorent, as well as setting up his own company Y Dance. With Protein Dance Jon has toured internationally including to the Middle East, South America and Japan.

Throughout his career he has taught extensively across the UK, working with Dance United, University of Central Lancashire, Leeds Beckett University and York St John's University. International work includes projects with the Aduna Dance Group in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) and the Lajee Center (Palestine). Jon was part of the team behind the mass choreography for the Rugby League World Cup 2013 where he fulfilled a childhood dream by scoring a try at Wembley stadium to end the show.

He joined Phoenix Dance Theatre's team of practitioners in 2014 to work on the mass dance produced for the Challenge Cup Finals and has worked with them on numerous education projects since. He is currently the lead choreographer for the show that will be performing as part of the magic weekend rugby league tournament at St James Park, Newcastle.