

Battery Dance Company and Staten Island youths perform at Fort Wadsworth



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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.—Nearly 100 people came out to see some local dancers perform while taking in the views from the Fort Wadsworth Overlook Saturday night.

Twenty Staten Island teenagers showcased their dance skills and original choreography while performing as part of the "Dancing to Connect Staten Island 2014" series that promotes youth creativity and appreciation for nature.

"When I found out about this workshop, I was very excited," said Indasha Bowden, 17, from West Brighton. "In the past week I've learned a lot about nature. I'm glad I did this workshop."

Dancing to Connect was an initiative created by the Battery Dance Company of New York City to teach young adults team building through creative performances.

"A majority of the kids never danced before," said Carmen Nicole Smith, a dancer, teaching artist and choreographer with the Battery Dance Company. "It's incredible to get a chance to work with people who never had this experience."