

About

Dr Adesola Akinleye, FHEA, FRSA , is a choreographer and artist-scholar. She began her career as a dancer with *Dance Theatre of Harlem* (USA) later working in UK dance Companies such as *Carol Straker Dance Company* and *Green Candle* as well as running for own dance foundation in 2000s. She is founder and currently co-artistic director of *DancingStrong Movement Lab*. Over the past twenty years she has created dance works ranging from live performance that is often site-specific and involves a cross-section of the community, to dance films, installations, and texts. Akinleye's work is characterized by an interest in voicing people's lived-experiences in Place(s) through creative, moving portraiture. A key aspect of her process is the artistry of opening-up creative practices to everyone from women in low wage employment to ballerinas to performance for young audiences. She has won awards internationally for her choreographic work and is published in the areas of dance and cultural studies. She is a Senior Lecturer at Middlesex University, *Theatrum Mundi* Fellow, and Research Affiliate at MIT.