

March 19-27, the Formentera Council's Office of Social Welfare will offer a course on dances of the world. The free classes are part of programming for the island's sixteenth Festa Intercultural scheduled to take place Sunday, April 8.

Department head Vanessa Parellada highlighted the importance of offering classes to “push dance—whether from far-off lands or right here at home—into the consciousness of islanders”and, in so doing, create a kind of “cultural synergy” among attendees.

Classes will be held afternoons from Monday the 19th to Friday the 23rd and pick up again on Monday the 26th and Tuesday the 27th. Iris Palomo will teach attendees the local blend of dance known as ball pagès (literally “farmers' dancing”) while Jassmin Londoño is scheduled to head up instruction on Dominican bachata, Cuban salsa and cumbia, a dance popularised in Argentina and Colombia.

Participants will have a chance to show their moves on a dedicated stage during the Festa Intercultural.