

Ashley Banjo

Ashley Banjo was born on the 4th of October 1988 (33) and was born in London. He was and is an England street dancer. Ashley's dad is a former boxer called Funso Banjo and his mum is called Danielle. He has a little brother called Jordan.

Ashley went to a private school in London, and was the only pupil of colour, and was bullied for it.

He spent his childhood split between 2 worlds - his school life of white privilege and outside of school in the dance studio with mixed race friends where he felt most happy.

Ashley is the leader and founder member of the street dance group Diversity.

The group won the third series of Britain's Got Talent, earning them £100,000.

His nickname in the group is 'Chosen'.



Ashley won a Pride of Britain award in 2012 for his services to Music and for his work in racial charities.

He has been a judge on: Got To Dance Can't Touch This And Dance, Dance, Dance.

He has also been a regular judge on Dancing On Ice from 2018. From 2020 he replaced Simon Cowell as a judge on Britain's Got Talent.

Ashley set up his own dance company 'Diversity Dance Studio', mentoring young dancers from deprived backgrounds who want to better themselves.

In his personal life, Ashley Banjo has been in a 13 year relationship with Francesca Abbott, a member of the girl dance group 'Out Of The Shadows'.

They have 2 children, Rose and Micah.

