

CODE OF PRACTICE

The Youth Committee has reviewed the Code of Practice that the RSCDS adopted last year to show that it was committed to the well being of children in its temporary care. We have taken on board comments from Branches and we have tried to remain in step with similar organisations. The revised Code is available from your Branch Secretary.

TESTS

Detailed proposals for a graded structure of tests for children to be run by the Society have been referred to the Examinations Committee and to a group of experienced children's teachers for their comments. There will be more news about the tests next year.

THE BIG EVENT

Looking further ahead to the Society's 80th Anniversary in 2003, the Youth Committee is making plans for a major event that all children interested in Scottish Dancing will want to join in. The event will be a chance to have fun, attract some publicity and raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves. Look out for more news about this in the mailings from Headquarters to your Branch.

Round and About

Scottish Dance events for children are held all over the world: Day Schools, Workshops, Competitions, Displays, Festivals, Days of Dance, Junior Balls.

Organising these events is exhausting but rewarding and worthwhile work.

Congratulations to everyone involved! Here are some of the events coming up in the next few months. There is only room to mention a few, but if you want publicity for your event, send us the details and we can include them on our new web page.



- 10 November:** Edinburgh Junior Day School
- 26-30 November:** Fife Scottish Dance Festival
- 26 January:** Inverness Children's Day of Dance
- February:** Glasgow Primary Schools Project
- 16 March:** Leeds 25th Children's Festival
- 27 April:** Dumfries Schools Dance Day

EASTER SCHOOL

Wednesday 3 April - Sunday 7 April 18-30 year olds, Stirling Youth Hostel

I am a young dancer who enjoys Summer School as it offers me a chance to improve my dancing, meet new people (especially men my age - I wasn't sure they existed on the Scottish Dance floor) and generally have a great time. Although Summer School is a good way to meet other young dancers wouldn't it be great to have an event just for us?

Being on the Youth Committee I can see that the Society is really starting to make a difference for young dancers. When it was proposed to hold a residential school for 18 - 30 year olds a group of young dancers was quickly put together to organise the event. There will be classes for every ability, dances, a ceilidh and a ball. There will be young teachers and young musicians.

Application forms for the Easter School are available from your Branch or from Headquarters or on the web www.rscds.org/youth/easter.

Alaina Armour (Youth Committee)

INTER-VARSITY FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

1 - 3 March 2002

A weekend of song, music and dance. The Scottish element is supported by the RSCDS (but don't let that put you off) and includes workshops and a dance. For details contact IVFDF 2002, 3(2F3) Newton Street, Edinburgh EH1 1TQ email: ivfdf2002@bigfoot.com

SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Society is again offering two scholarships to Summer School to full time students attending for the first time. The scholarships are for the second week (21 - 28 July 2002) and cover half the residential fee. Application forms are with Branches or apply to the Youth Director at HQ.

Further news on Summer School: the Society is in negotiation with St. Andrew's University to provide facilities for the young children of dancers attending the course.

We would welcome your suggestions

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