

NOMINATIONS FOR YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Florence Burgy

Lyon

Proposer: Raphaelle Orgeret (*Lyon*)

Seconder: Laure Gardelle (*Lyon*)

Being a “Spring Fling aged” Scottish country dancer, I am interested in joining the Youth Services committee in order to help more young dancers to join the great community that is Scottish country dancing, by making this passion of mine more attractive to young people and by allowing them to take part in RSCDS events all over the world.

Having been president of Geneva Scottish Country Dance Club for 2 years, I have some experience in committee organisation and matters, and my student's job as substitute teacher in high schools has given me the opportunity to work with young people.

As part of Geneva Scottish Country Dance Club committee member and president, one of my first concerns was to encourage young people to discover Scottish dancing and join our club. As a candidate for Youth Services committee, I am hoping to bring this to a greater scale, and thus to encourage young people to start (and keep) dancing and to join the RSCDS.

I hereby confirm that I have the time to fulfil the duties assigned to this position as well as the ability to attend the required meetings.



Elizabeth Condor

London

Proposer: John Wilkinson (*East Lothian*)

Seconder: James Stott (*Aberdeen*)

I discovered the delights of Scottish Country Dancing during my first week at the University of St. Andrews and this continues to have a formative and enjoyable impact on my life. I wish to contribute to the Society’s support for young dancers. In particular, I would work to encourage greater links between Universities and RSCDS so young dancers can easily move from University societies to lifelong involvement with the RSCDS on graduation. I wish that there had been clear opportunities when my friends and I graduated as I missed dancing Scottish for

too many years in my twenties.

I am the Deputy Finance Director at the University of London and involved with RSCDS London Branch’s activities to encourage students in London to try Scottish Country dancing. I am also treasurer of London Reels and was actively involved in Celtic Society while a student. I am currently completing Unit 4 of the RSCDS Teaching Certificate with the aim to take Unit 5 in summer 2017.

I confirm that I can make the time commitment necessary to fulfil the duties and travel to all required meetings.



Joana Stausberg
Central Germany

Proposer: Anselm Lingnau (*Central Germany*)

Seconder: Mervyn Short (*BHS Borders*)

Currently we are organising Spring Fling 2017 in a team of dancers from all over Germany, and I enjoy engaging in this big project. I appreciate the cooperation with YSC very much and I'd like to continue to work with the committee.

I work at a vocational college, teaching English and German as a foreign language to young people of different educational and cultural backgrounds. Addressing young adults thus is part of my great job.

In Bonn, I'm one of the teachers of our SCD group. For this I qualified as a certified teacher. We regularly host balls. Over the past few years we have also established an annual workshop to which we invite several mainly new teachers. The aim is to create social networks and show the diversity of SCD in one event. I find this essential for attracting young dancers, and for having people stick to SCD or come back to it years after they stopped dancing because they finished university, or had children. I want to collect ideas and connect dancers to promote SCD to young dancers, and keep it alive and kicking. I'm especially interested in supporting family activities and encouraging young dancers to travel. I hereby confirm that I am willing to commit time and all travel efforts necessary to be a constructive and committed member of the Youth Services Committee.



Marilyn Watson
Bournemouth

Proposer: Anne McArthur (*Banffshire*)

Seconder: Patricia Houghton (*Edinburgh*)

I am a RSCDS Teacher, Medal Test Assessor, Examiner and Adjudicator.

As a result of my long history of working with young people, I was approached after the AGM 2015, to see if I would be interested to be seconded to the Youth Services committee.

I readily agreed and for the past year I have been involved with meetings, the Spring Fling and Junior Summer School where I, along with Anne McArthur, greatly enjoyed the challenge of teaching 8 to 11 year olds and feel that it was a very successful pilot scheme.

Before retiring, I was a nurse and spent a great deal of time nursing sick children. This gave me a great understanding of vulnerable children; how to deal with their physical, behavioural and emotional traumas. I was also a classroom assistant at a local school.

My own SCD children's class ran for 25 years; five dancers have achieved their RSCDS Teaching Certificates, another is half way there.

I would bring my vast experience and keep up with modern trends to assess the needs of today's young people, encourage the next generation to learn SCD and listen to the ideas of young members of the committee.