

NOMINATIONS FOR YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Olga McIntosh

International

Proposer: Rachel Shankland (*Youth*)

Seconder: Joana Stausberg (*Central Germany*)

Scottish country dancing is very popular in Russia, especially among young people. I started dancing 9 years ago, but have only recently travelled abroad to attend dancing events. My first time at Summer School greatly inspired me and made me feel part of the global community of SCD. Therefore I am interested in joining the Youth Services Committee in order to help young dancers to join the community and to encourage them to travel for dancing purposes.

I have attended Summer School and Spring Fling several times as well as many different dancing weekends in Russia. For the last year I have run an SCD group for advanced dancers in my hometown Nizhny Novgorod.

As a member of the Youth Services Committee I would like to promote SCD and the RSCDS to young people. I am interested in improving the Society's use of social media to make information about SCD easily accessible. This will be particularly helpful for Russian dancers as the many dancing groups are distant from each other, and only one of them is a branch, and dancing people suffer from the lack of communication. I think that my experience as a dancer in Russia and knowledge of the specific features of Russian dancing society will be useful in finding ways to help to include young Russian dancers in the community.

I hereby confirm that I have the time to fulfil the duties assigned to this position. As I am planning to move to the UK this autumn I expect to be able to travel to all required meetings.