

Individual Membership with

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY



Join the RSCDS as an individual member and be part of the world's largest Scottish Country Dance network



Become a member of the RSCDS and access the knowledge and opportunities you need to get dancing and make music, the tools to excel – all while having fun, keeping healthy and making life-long friends

There are many reasons to join the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS), but most people become members because it is a fun and an enjoyable way to keep active, be healthy and socialise with people from around the world!

The RSCDS promotes and develops Scottish Country Dancing worldwide for the benefit of present and future generations.

Active dancers, musicians and anyone who is interested in Scottish Country Dance and Music are encouraged to join through one of the Society's 160+ Branches or through Headquarters membership.

Join our worldwide dance and music community and enjoy these attractive membership benefits



- A 10% discount on most recordings, publications and other items available through the RSCDS shop
- A 10% discount on all events and classes run by the RSCDS (this does not include Branch-run events and classes – they may have their own discounts locally for events and classes they run)
- Access to member only deals (these may change over time but could, for example, include discounts on travel insurance or health insurance, etc. depending on deals that are developed with companies)
- A twice-yearly RSCDS members' magazine, packed with information

and interesting articles, delivered to your door or your email inbox, whichever you prefer

- A regular e-newsletter with news, updates, competitions and offers
- Priority booking for Residential Schools and other Society events
- Being well informed on all aspects of Scottish Country Dancing and music
- An exclusive Members' only area of the RSCDS website where you can access these above benefits
- Opportunities to learn and advance your dancing skills
- Options for advanced dancers to study for RSCDS teaching qualifications
- Workshops and youth events for young dancers
- Musicians' courses with a focus on playing for Scottish Country Dancing
- Belonging to a worldwide community of Scottish Country Dancers and musicians
- At a local level, keeping in touch with what is happening in your area

Last, but not least, the satisfaction of knowing that your membership makes a difference by helping to preserve and revitalise an important part of Scottish culture and promote it globally

Keep healthy



Did you know that Scottish Country Dancing is uniquely placed to deliver a range of health benefits? Various academic studies confirm evidence that Scottish Country Dancing is an effective recreational exercise for particular types of fitness, with extensive measurable benefits for older people.

Meet new people - make life-long friends

As a member you can attend an RSCDS event anywhere; in a beautiful rural Castle, a historic town or a cosmopolitan city on any continent globally (except Antarctica!) - members often travel to other branches to attend events.

Over the course of a year the RSCDS holds three main events: Winter School (Feb) in Pitlochry, Scotland; Spring Fling (April) in locations changing between UK and Europe; Summer School (late July/early Aug) in St. Andrews, Scotland. We also have our popular Conference Weekend in Perth (Nov) which attracts members from across the globe. Or, if you simply want to dance locally; sign up for classes or attend a Branch event near to you. Become a member through a branch (local branch, international branch or youth branch) or through HQ - see over to find out how.



How do I join?



Like to chat about individual membership?

Please contact Headquarters on info@rscds.org and a member of the team will be happy to assist.

Can anyone join the RSCDS?

Individual membership is open to everyone from age 12 years; the Society welcomes people of all nationalities. Membership is offered through Branches worldwide or through Headquarters. To become a member of a specific Branch (including local branches, International or Youth Branch), use our [Branches & Groups page](#) on the RSCDS website and speak to a Branch representative about membership. Direct membership is possible through RSCDS Headquarters too, though we encourage you to join through a branch. You will receive all the benefits of Branch membership, but as a HQ member you will not be party to local Branch events. To apply for Headquarters membership, download the form [here](#).

How much is RSCDS membership each year?

CATEGORY	2016 - 17 SUBSCRIPTION RATE*	HQ MEMBER RATE
Adult single (25+)	£20.00*	£30.00*
Adult single (25+) half year membership	£10.00* (Jan - Jun 2016 for new members only)	£20.00*
Adult joint (both 25+)	£32.00* (80% of two full adult rates, for two people, members of the same Branch, residing at the same address)	£48.00*
Adult joint (both 25+) half year membership	£16.00* (Jan - Jun 2016 for new members only; for two people, members of the same Branch, residing at the same address)	£24.00*
Youth (12 - 17)	£10.00* (50% of full adult rate)	£20.00*
Young adult (18 - 24)	£16.00* (80% of full adult rate)	£26.00*

*Note: Each branch will have their own branch membership fee as well, this is the RSCDS fee.

About us



The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) is a registered Scottish Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, dedicated to promoting Scottish Country Dance around the world. We have a membership of some 12,000 and a global network of over 450 Branches and Affiliated Groups, with a small administrative team at a central office (Headquarters) in Edinburgh. The Branches (also known as Local Associations) are independent, autonomous bodies. Branches and Affiliated Groups are the “grass roots” organisations that run classes, provide training and host social events at a local level in their own areas.

What we do

Please refer to www.rscds.org for a comprehensive picture of the Society's aims, work and activities. In summary, the Society undertakes the following activities globally:

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- Raising the profile, visibility and appreciation of Scottish Country Dancing
- Publishing and selling books, dance instructions, music, CDs and other merchandise
- Arranging Residential Summer and Winter Schools plus other Society events
- Undertaking campaigns to further the spread and appeal of Scottish Country Dancing
- Administering a teaching, exams and accreditation system for individual dancers, teachers and schools
- Developing materials to advance instruction in Scottish Country Dancing
- Running training courses and workshops for children, young people and musicians
- Working with schools to increase the uptake of Scottish Country Dancing

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