

Education and Training Co-ordinator

Key Objective:

To ensure that teaching of SCD in New Zealand is maintained at the highest possible standard, and that a “continual learning” process is available for all current and aspiring teachers and musicians.

Tasks:

Teacher development:

- Provide and maintain a register of New Zealand teachers and their experience
- Assist SCD school or class organisers in teacher selection if requested, including encouraging the selection of different or less experienced teachers in order to develop teachers’ experience
- Encourage Regions and individual dancers to develop teaching skills via Basic Teaching Skills and CTI courses and examination classes
- Consider other avenues for supporting Regions in the promotion of teaching SCD by local teachers and dancers eg night school classes, school teacher training, in-school PE classes, workplace activities
- Establish a forward plan to develop certificated teachers as tutors for RSCDS examination classes
- Encourage teachers to qualify as CTI instructors
- Liaise with the RSCDS and the appropriate Management Committee members to develop and action plan to prepare suitable Certificated Teachers to qualify as Examiners
- Organise refresher courses for certificated and non-certificated club teachers

Examinations:

- Assist the Branch appointed Tutor as requested in organising classes to prepare candidates for RSCDS Teaching examinations
- Apply to the RSCDS for RSCDS Teaching Examinations in New Zealand within the required time frames
- Liaise with the class Tutor and RSCDS appointed examiners concerning examinations for candidates

Summer Schools:

- Liaising with Summer School organiser (at least 2 years ahead) in the selection of teachers, class types and (in consultation with the Music Advisor) musicians
- Assisting Summer School organiser in ensuring dancers are in appropriate classes at Summer School

Music:

Support the Music Advisor in:

- Developing the musical understanding of dancers and tutors by providing or arranging workshops and classes on the use of music for dancing and relevant musical knowledge
- Developing the abilities of local SCD musicians by developing and implementing workshops and classes for all levels of musicians, for learning to accompany classes and play in bands
- Promoting the use of live music at Branch and Region events

Skills required:

- It is recommended that the holder of this position be a certificated teacher of SCD
- Highly developed communication skills
- Good understanding of the RSCDS teaching development process
- Enthusiasm, motivation and passion for SCD and for achieving the NZ Branch aims
- Ability to work effectively as a part of a team

The Education and Training Co-ordinator has no financial role or responsibility on the Management Committee.

