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CSC is recruiting

19.7.15 - Click [here](#) for tutor vacancies. Click [here](#) for administrative vacancies at our offices in London.

Training Course in Bristol

21.8.15 - We are pleased to announce a course for new tutors in Bristol. It is open to anyone regardless of teaching or playing experience.

Tutor Training

[Online booking available here.](#)



Free chess for your school in 2015-16: five places left

12.8.15 - CSC is introducing an innovative e-learning programme and we have fully-funded places for the first five schools that sign up. Your school can get a whole year of chess teaching, equipment and materials free of charge, even if you're in a remote area which we couldn't normally reach. [Click here for details.](#)

Yes2Chess Finals - 24 June 2015

[Click to see all the rounds by round results](#) | [Replay games from the LIVE boards](#)



Yes2Chess CSC Liverpool Tournament

01.7.15 - The Mayor of Liverpool Joe Anderson provided the splendid venue of St. George's Hall for the first CSC Chess Merseyside Junior Tournament for primary schools on Monday 29 June. 400 children in 80 teams from 26 schools took part in sections for: U11's - 20, U10's - 26, U9's - 24 and U8's - 10.



The splendid St. George's Hall hosted the 1st Yes2Chess Liverpool event. A team of CSC tutors supported by volunteers from Barclaycard's office in Sefton together with local players and teachers ensured supported Tournament Director Bob Clark and CSC Chief Executive Malcolm Pein to ensure that this was a day to remember.

Following the prize giving, the children were given a round of applause from the grown-ups for their friendly, competitive play and for their excellent behaviour throughout. As part of the Yes2Chess programme supported by Barclaycard, every child received a free chess set and board.

Great thanks to Bob Clark whose meticulous planning ensured that everything ran smoothly and to time. Malcolm Pein gave two lectures in the breaks between rounds.

CSC's leading school Sacred Heart usually sweep the board but this year the expanded tournament included many schools from the Wirral and Ladymount just pipped Sacred Heart to the gold medals in the U10 Section.

[Final results and tables](#) | [Gallery of images from the event](#) | [Bay TV video report](#) |

Yes2Chess Newham v Hamburg Match

09.4.15 - For the third year running Chess in Schools and Communities participated in the annual Alsterrufer tournament in Hamburg where over 2000 children compete in a huge match between schools located on the different sides of the [River Alster](#).

Once again, the match took place as part of Yes2Chess and was supported by Barclaycard in both Hamburg and London. Five players from the charity's project in Newham came to the CSC offices at Baker St to play children from Hamburg on the ChessBase Yes2Chess server and Dave Chan CEO of Barclaycard Europe made the ceremonial first move for the team in London.

At Hamburg the first move was made by Felix Magath a former footballer and manager who is a big celebrity in Germany and is the official ambassador of Yes2Chess in Germany.

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Dave Chan CEO Barclaycard Europe making the first move for the Newham team



Ofsted recognises chess's role in children's social development

15.5.15 - Bradford Central PRU (Pupil Referral Unit) received an Outstanding grade in their February 2015 Ofsted inspection, and the school's CSC programme was given particular praise. The section of the report that discussed the safety and behaviour of the pupils – which was also deemed 'outstanding' – said the following:

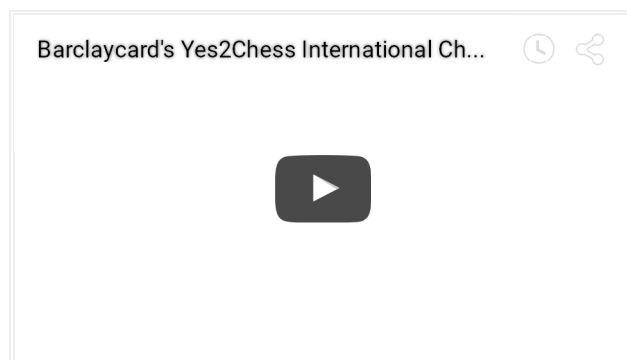
"Inspectors were extremely impressed by student's attitudes when observing the weekly chess sessions, where all students spend up to an hour learning and playing chess with each other and staff. These are special moments and contribute hugely to students' social development."

The charity began work at Bradford Central PRU after a referral from a school in Leeds, where the charity has been working for four years. After an initial year under the tutelage of CSC's Leeds and Bradford Coordinator, Winston Williams, Bradford Central PRU took on the teaching themselves, creating a worthwhile and sustainable programme that we are delighted to have been recognised by Ofsted.

[Click to download the complete Ofsted report in PDF format.](#)

Say Yes2Chess !

Yes2Chess offers school children the opportunity to play online in a safe environment on the Yes2Chess server. Access to the server is free of charge and open to all children who register through their school from anywhere in the world to play friendly games. Every UK primary school is invited to register their pupils and start playing. Yes2Chess requires no special software to download, it is entirely web based and once you register and receive your passwords, children can start playing.



The 2nd Yes2Chess International Challenge open to children from USA, UK Germany, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Sweden and Denmark is also underway. Primary schools can register up to 20 teams of five players, all born after 1st January 2003, with each team containing at least one female.

The national tournament winner will receive a fun-filled trip to London in June 2015 to take part in Finals Weekend, where they will compete over the board against teams from the USA, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Last year, the finalists stayed

in a top London hotel, and enjoyed a simultaneous against Grandmaster David Howell, a bus tour of London, a reception at the Houses of Parliament and a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' at Barclaycard's HQ in Canary Wharf.

The 2014 final was staged at Barclaycard Presents British Summer Time, a music festival in Hyde Park. A report on the 2014 event by Matthew Lunn [can be found here](#). See the [video](#)! More about [Yes2Chess](#) and [CSC](#).

Say YES2CHESS !

Interview: Mayor of London at the London Chess Classic

07.2.15 - Boris Johnson talks about the importance of chess during a visit to the 6th London Chess Classic in 2014.



Chess makes children smarter

23.1.15 - New research from Denmark showed that primary school children in Denmark performed significantly better at Maths if one hour of matches was replaced with chess.

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Chess in Schools and Communities wins Innovative Project Award

10th July 2013



The Earl of Wessex presents the Innovative Project Award to Chess in Schools and Communities Chief Executive Malcolm Pein, alongside Sam Franks (Hiscox).

On 9th July 2013 Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) was presented with the Innovative Project Award at the 2013 Sport and Recreation Alliance Awards sponsored by specialist insurance company Hiscox.



The award was presented to the charity's Chief Executive, Malcolm Pein, by HRH The Earl of Wessex at St. James's Palace in London after the charity impressed the judges with their ground-breaking initiatives over the past year.

With studies showing a clear link between playing chess in primary school and improved concentration and educational attainment, CSC has doubled in size in the past year ...



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CSC on BBC Breakfast TV



Chess in Schools and Communities launched it's first Charity-Public-Private initiative in a ground breaking project to teach 20,000 children how to play chess in London Borough of Newham.

BBC Breakfast TV featured the launch on Wednesday 13 March 2013.

[More here ...](#)



Chess in Schools and Communities launches first Charity-Public-Private initiative



Chess in Schools and the Communities (CSC), a UK registered charity and Newham Borough Council are working together with East Village in an innovative project to deliver chess to all 64 primary schools in Newham and teach 20,000 children to play the world's most enduring game.

The 'Urban Chess' program was launched on 13th March. East Village celebrated its sponsorship of CSC, by welcoming local schools to Stratford Library for a fun and educational morning of chess games and classes on a giant board - led by British Champion Grandmaster Gawain Jones.

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CSC and Newham East Village Project



Royal Commended Performance 2012

25th July 2012

Chess in Schools and Communities received the Royal seal of approval on 19th July at St James's Palace.

Chief Executive IM Malcolm Pein received the 'highly commended' award from HRH Prince Edward the Earl of Wessex at the Sport and Recreation Alliance's Community Sport and Recreation awards ceremony.

The award was made in recognition of CSC's 'innovative work in schools'.



The Earl of Wessex presents the award to Chess in Schools and Communities Chief Executive Malcolm Pein.

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Strasbourg Visit Report

Wed 15th Feb 2012

CSC is working with the Kasparov Chess Foundation Europe and European Chess Union (ECU) on a political campaign to garner support for chess to be introduced to schools Europe-wide.

The focus of the campaign is a written declaration which can be found here <http://www.kcfe.eu/wd50>. This was sponsored by 5 MEPS from the UK, Finland, Italy, Bulgaria and Malta.



Malcolm Pein, CEO of CSC and Rudi Valcke, chess teacher (BE) explain the benefits of chess during the Chess in School seminar at the EU (on the left, Garry Kasparov)

Written declarations need the support of half of all MEPs before they can go before the European Commission for consideration and possible action.

For the last 6 months Garry Kasparov and his team, aided by the office of Bulgarian MEP Slavi Binev have been working tirelessly to secure the signatures of 380 MEPs. I am delighted to report that to date 377 signatures have been received!

Thanks to all those who wrote to their MEP's.

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First birthday reception for the charity Chess in Schools and Communities

18 October 2011



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Rachel Reeves MP, Member of Parliament for Leeds West, hosted our first birthday reception in the Jubilee Room at Westminster on Tuesday. A huge thank you to Rachel who recently [visited one of our schools](#) in her constituency to give a simultaneous display. Despite not having played competitively for many years, she remains a very good player and even Garry was impressed.

Children from Teesside, Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, Swansea, Cardiff, Bristol, Barnet, Hackney, Newham and Hammersmith and Fulham were accompanied by their teachers and parents. Every child got the chance to take on Nigel Short in a simultaneous display. Rachel spoke about how learning chess at an early age had helped her. CSC are also grateful to the 13th World Champion Garry Kasparov who came to London and spoke at the event as well as making many media appearances. Thanks also to Nigel Short who played the children and a few MPs without losing a game!



Meg Hillier MP with children from William Patten Primary School, Hackney.

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URBAN CHESS
MOVE ON UP

Grandmaster Jonathan Rowson and our Field Worker England international Sabrina Chevannes, also made some moves. There was an outstanding performance from Matteo Walls of William Patten School in Hackney who nearly drew. I played a few moves and came to his board to find the position completely equal after about 30 moves – well done!

Rachel's colleagues in the Labour Shadow Cabinet; Angela and Maria Eagle also attended the event. They, like Rachel, were strong junior players but in my home city of Liverpool.

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Malcolm Pein, *Chief Executive*.

[Click to see more photos from the event](#) .

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