



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND BRANCH Inc.

Basic Teaching Skills

This is best described as a course for those who are already teaching or about to take on a group, but who do not wish to sit the RSCDS Teaching Certificate. There is no examination at the end of the course and attendance will result in a “Record of Completion of a course in basic Scottish country dancing Teaching skills”.

The RSCDS outlines 14 elements for inclusion in the course content, while recognising that the actual content may be customised to best serve the requirements of the participants. The elements are:

- The needs of your class
- Dance analysis
- Lesson Planning
- Class Management
- Use of Voice, particularly in rhythmic counting and coaching
- How to re-cap
- MC skills
- Selection of music
- Working with a musician
- Warm up and cool down
- How to break down the basic steps for teaching to beginners
- Guidance on teaching basic formations
- How to build up the elements of a dance and put it together
- Self-evaluation

The Branch works with groups or Regions to assist in the running of Basic Teaching Skills courses. To run a course or for more information on courses being run around New Zealand contact the [Education and Training Co-ordinator](#) .