



## Teacher Preparation

**The Teacher Preparation Course** is for anyone who wants to begin teaching Scottish country dancing, whether they are already teaching a club or group or have never taught at all. It is a good beginning point for anyone who wants to take the RSCDS Teaching Certificate at a later date.

The course aims to give participants the confidence to teach a group of dancers, while developing basic teaching skills in a friendly, supportive and non- critical environment. Some of the skills covered include:

- How to teach a step, a formation and how to put these together to teach a dance
- Doing a warm up before a class and a cool down at the end
- An introduction to working with musicians
- How to put together a dance programme for a club night or evening function
- Preparing and delivering briefing notes and recaps
- Dance analysis, lesson planning and the selection and use of music.
- Developing attributes such as a teacher's manner, use of voice, demonstration and class management

This course is offered every third year at the NZ Branch Summer School.

See [Teacher Training and Examination Schedule](#).