

Conflict of Interest Form: RSCDS London Branch Trustees and Committee Members

More detailed guidance on conflicts of interest for Charity Trustees is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/conflicts-of-interest-a-guide-for-charity-trustees-cc29/conflicts-of-interest-a-guide-for-charity-trustees>

Background – why conflicts of interest are important to take account of:

Trustees' and Committee members' personal and professional connections can bring benefits to the work of London Branch. However, they can give rise to conflicts of interest, i.e. any situation in which a Trustee's or Committee member's personal interests or loyalties could, or could be seen to, prevent them from making a decision only in the best interests of the Charity. Trustees and Committee members must by law put the interests of the Charity first. The existence of a conflict of interest does not reflect on the integrity of the affected Trustee or Committee member, so long as it is properly addressed.

In summary, where a Trustee or Committee member has a personal interest (including family members) that conflicts with the interests potentially of RSCDS London Branch, then they should declare this on this form and should withdraw from any discussion, action or decision in respect of that issue. Where in doubt, withdraw as any public perception that they would be influenced in their actions by this interest is also important for the reputation of RSCDS London Branch. If there is any uncertainty, the Chairman should be consulted.

This form must be filled in by all Trustees and Committee members when they join and then be updated each year while they are on the Committee.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:

Name of Trustee or Committee member:

I have an interest in the following: (please circle the specific elements that apply)

Payment rates for Teachers/Musicians Yes / No

Choice of Teachers/Musicians for events or activities Yes / No

Choice of Callers/Solo Dancers when RSCDS London Branch is making recommendations to outside organisations Yes/No

The following Companies (including Bands) that RSCDS London Branch might contract with: (please provide name of company):

Other interests to declare:

Signed: Date:.....