

SIFD Teachers List for 2016-2017

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Teachers List – by Country

Dances from these countries or areas, or types of dance, are taught by the following people :

General International	Meryl Abraham	Jill Bransby	Jackie Charbit-Middleton		Sue Clark	Janet Douglas	Frank Dowling
	Helen Ezra	Chrisandra Harris	Fiona Howarth	Jeanette Hull	Maggie Kaye	Anne Leach	Silvia McIntyre
	Marion Nieuwenhuizen		Maggie O'Regan	Lynda Shaw	Brenda Steventon	Philip Steventon	Geoff Weston
	Janet Woolbar	Marina Wolstenholme					

African - West African, and South African Gumboot	Marion Nieuwenhuizen
Armenian	Chrisandra Harris, Dalila Heath, Laura Shannon
Austrian	Silvia McIntyre
Balkan	Meryl Abraham, Paul Boizot, Frank Dowling, Brian Dowsett, Fiona Howarth, Maggie Kaye, Silvia McIntyre, Cathy Meunier, Marion Nieuwenhuizen, Adrian Pointon
Bulgarian	Jackie Charbit-Middleton, Brian Dowsett, Frank Dowling, Liz Mellish, Cathy Meunier, Maggie O'Regan, Marina Wolstenholme
Circle (& line) dances	Paul Boizot, Clyde Olliver
Croatian	Joan Sach
Czech	Leslie Haddon

Eastern European	Jackie Charbit-Middleton, Leslie Haddon, Fiona Howarth, Liz Mellish, Maggie O'Regan, Laura Shannon, Marina Wolstenholme, Janet Woolbar
English, Scottish	Geoff Weston
French	Currently no teacher
Greek	Paul Boizot, Jackie Charbit-Middleton, Frank Dowling, Chrisandra Harris, Maggie O'Regan, Laura Shannon, Marina Wolstenholme
Hungarian	Leslie Haddon, Marina Wolstenholme
Irish set	Anne Leach
Israeli	Chrisandra Harris, Fiona Howarth, Maggie Kaye, Silvia McIntyre, Marion Nieuwenhuizen, Adrian Pointon, Marina Wolstenholme
Macedonian	Liz Mellish, , Maggie O'Regan, Joan Sach
Manx	Geoff Weston
Norwegian	Jeanette Hull
Polish	Currently no teacher
Portuguese	Janet Woolbar
Romanian	Paul Boizot, Frank Dowling , Maggie Kaye, Liz Mellish, Maggie O'Regan, Marina Wolstenholme, Janet Woolbar
Russian	Helen Ezra, Chrisandra Harris, Maggie Kaye Maggie O'Regan
Serbian	Joan Sach
Slovakian	Leslie Haddon
Spanish	Currently no teacher
Swedish	Jeanette Hull, Anne Leach
Swiss	Janet Woolbar
Turkish	Janet Douglas, Chrisandra Harris
(former) Yugoslavian	Frank Dowling, Joan Sach, Marina Wolstenholme

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Information about the Teachers

Name	Dances taught from these countries web address	Willing to travel in the UK....	Additional Information
Meryl Abraham merylabraham@icloud.com	General International, Balkan	Local groups - Hertfordshire	SIFD Teacher's Badge. Teaches Croxley Green International Folk Dance group. Ran a primary school class for a few years. MC'd for Balkanplus several times.
Paul Boizot 01904 621510 info@paulboizot.co.uk	Circle & line dances, incl Greek, Balkan. Irregular rhythms, posture & dance www.paulboizot.co.uk	Anywhere (providing expenses paid from Yorkshire)	SIFD Teacher's Badge 2003. Dance teacher since 1992. Cert.in F.E. Teaching (Stage 2). Also experienced singer and musician.
Jill Bransby 01462 457791 07513 835517 jill@pjbransby.plus.com	General International	Anywhere from Hertfordshire	Certificate of Education (1964) Physical Education (including Dance) – Distinction Have taught Rainmakers international Group 40 years
Jackie Charbit-Middleton 02380 255167 charbitmiddleton@gmail.com	General International, Eastern European, Bulgarian, Greek including Pontic from Black Sea Region	Anywhere, from Hampshire	SIFD Cert. of Proficiency (1988) in Romanian, Bulgarian, Greek, former Yugoslavian. SIFD SE European Teacher's Badge (1988).
Sue Clark edwinasuevic@tiscali.co.uk	General International-	Anywhere within reason from Pembrokeshire	F.E.T. Teacher's Certificate + 50 years involvement with SIFD, and over 30 years teaching
Janet Douglas Contact via website	General International, Turkish www.interfolk.co.uk	Anywhere from West Sussex	SIFD Teacher's Badge. Attends & organises many courses on dance & choreography in UK & abroad

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Frank Dowling 01642 247916 f_dowling2@talktalk.net	Balkan, esp. Romanian, Former Yugoslavia, Bulgarian, Greek, General International	Anywhere from North Yorkshire	Many years of experience teaching mostly Balkan and Eastern European dances. Has attended numerous courses run by well-respected teachers, and has a solid background in Balkan music and song.
Brian Dowsett 01992 582717 bvdowsett@aol.com	Balkan, Bulgarian www.balkanplus.org.uk	Anywhere from Hertfordshire	
Helen Ezra <i>Contact via mail@sifd.org</i>	General International, Russian	Anywhere from South London	SIFD Teacher's Badge 1992. Have taught Cheam class for over 12 years, and MC-ed many dances.
Leslie Haddon leshaddon@aol.com	Eastern European - Hungarian, Czech, Slovakian	Anywhere from Hertfordshire providing transport is paid	25 years attending dance courses, and has taught at SIFD workshops and other classes. Assisted by his wife who shows the girl's steps.
Chrisandra Harris chrisandra@tesco.net	Greek, Turkish, Russian, Armenian, General. Older people & special needs & mental health www.kilikiadance.com www.worlddancing.co.uk	Anywhere from Nottinghamshire	R.S.A. (distinction) in teaching movement and dance, & SIFD Teacher's Badge. 26 years experience teaching dance. Member of 'Greek Rhythms for 21 years and teacher of Ellinmos Greek dance groups. Leader of 'Kilikia - dances for Armenia' group available for performances and demonstrations and seminars in costume. Organises overseas dancing holidays.
Dalila Heath 01707 642774 dalila.heath1@btopenworld.com	Armenian	Anywhere from Hertfordshire	SIFD Teacher's Badge (Complimentary). Have run, and dance in, Armenian & Israeli dance troupes for many years. Attends workshops in USA, Armenia & Holland. Organises a small performance group, AKHTAMAR – available for demos etc –for children and adults.

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Fiona Howarth <i>Contact via mail@sifd.org</i>	General International, Eastern European, Balkan, Israeli	Anywhere subject to easy public transport from Greater London	1 year Teaching Course with Rudolf Laban, many SIFD & IFDA dance courses. Israeli learnt from J & J Barkan & Israeli choreographers. Attended many courses in Balkan and Israeli and also with Silviu and Hennie. Have taught Bromley class for over 40 years and U3A for 19. Led Hama'agal Israeli Group.
Jeanette Hull 07722 655481 <i>jeanettehull@blueyonder.co.uk</i>	General International Norwegian, Swedish	Lives in Surrey	SIFD Teacher's Badge, many courses in Norway and Sweden. If possible I prefer to have live music and can recommend several excellent fiddlers. In addition to my more than 20 years of Scandinavian Bygdedans (traditional village dance) experience, I have danced in a General International Group and also in Balkan and Spanish specialist groups
Maggie Kaye <i>margaretkaye@blueyonder.co.uk</i>	General International, Balkan, especially Romanian, Russian, Israeli	Mainly in the Midlands	Has been leader of Selpar IFDG since 1996. Most interested in introducing newcomers to International folk and encouraging dancing for relaxation and enjoyment. Also leader of the Heart of England Band and 'Maggie's Mix' at Eastbourne Festival and has run workshops for musicians at SIFD Summer Schools and elsewhere.
Anne Leach <i>danceoffice@waitrose.com</i>	General International, Sweden, Irish set	Anywhere from London	SIFD Teacher's Badge. Teaches at Friday Feet and MCs on many occasions
Silvia McIntyre 01323 502962 <i>silviamicintyre@hotmail.com</i>	General International, Israeli, Balkan, Austrian	Anywhere subject to public transport, or 90 mins drive from Eastbourne	SIFD Teacher's Badge. 30 years dancing experience – groups in Vienna (international & recently Austrian), Findhorn DG, leader of Willingdon IFDG, teaches at Lewes Israeli FDG. Many workshops attended, and led.

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Liz Mellish eliznik@eliznik.co.uk	Eastern European, Romanian, Bulgarian, Macedonian- www.eliznik.co.uk	Anywhere from Hertfordshire	SIFD SE European Teacher's Badge 20 years experience. Attends many courses in Eastern Europe to increase repertoire and knowledge.
Cathy Meunier 01768 773117 cathy_meunier@hotmail.com	Balkan, Bulgarian www.balkanfolkdance.org	Anywhere from Cumbria	SIFD SE European Teacher's Badge. I have attended numerous folk dance courses in the UK and abroad. I also spent some time in Bulgaria learning alongside Bulgarian folk dance students. Since the 80s I have regularly invited folk dance teachers from abroad to teach in the UK, and have organised residential folk dance courses. I have also led several folk dance trips to Bulgaria. I led a Balkan folk dance group (Sborenka) in London for 10 years and now teach one-off workshops from time to time.
Marion Nieuwenhuizen 078 1000 5456 <u>dance@fabdrumming.co.uk</u>	General International, Balkan, Israeli, West African Dancing, and South African Gumboot Dancing	Anywhere in the UK from Somerset	Has been teaching folk dance since 1988 when she qualified as a Folk Dance teacher, officially recognised by the Ministry of Culture in the Netherlands. In 1992 the Ministry graduated her on the level of a Dance Academy with the so-called "benoembaarheidsverklaring". She has taught children and adults on different levels and various occasions in the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Belgian, Israel and the UK. In 2010 she moved to Taunton, Somerset and is very happy to be able to share her passion of dancing with the people who are coming to her workshops.

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Maggie O'Regan 020 7609 7098 maregdan@yahoo.co.uk	Eastern European, Greek, Russian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Macedonian	Anywhere by public transport from London	Attended IFD Teacher's Training course with Jan Knoppers. SIFD Teacher's Badge (complimentary). Attended seminars in Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Ukraine & Macedonia as well as many workshops in the UK, Netherlands and Belgium also intensive Russian workshops in London with Hennie Konings.
Adrian Pointon adrian@myrriadd.com	Israeli, Balkan www.myrriadd.com	Anywhere in the UK from Cheshire	20 years experience of teaching Israeli and Balkan dances at workshops and residential and day courses, both in the UK and abroad. Many Israeli dances learned directly from original choreographers. SIFD member.
Joan Sach rogersach@blueyonder.co.uk	Former Yugoslavian Serbian, Croatian, Macedonian	Anywhere within reason from Kent	SIFD Teacher's Badge. Over 30 years with Zivko Firfov Group under Ken Ward
Laura Shannon laura@laurashannon.net	East European, Armenian, Greek www.laurashannon.net	Able to travel from Scotland	30 years teaching full time in 20+ countries. Partly living in Greece for past 10 years, conducting original research into village dances. Can bring Greek musicians. Pan " Greek, Thracian, Asia Minor, Mainland.
Lynda Shaw <i>Contact via mail@sifd.org</i>	General International - Children's groups/adult beginners	25 miles from Leeds	SIFD Teacher's Badge. Learnt Laban techniques at Training College & taught dance in school (teacher 1972 – 2007, particularly 3-11 year olds). Regularly teaches at Loidis (Leeds group). Some notice requested, please.
Brenda Steventon 020 8397 9649 brenda.steventon@ukgateway.net	General International www.philip.steventon.ukgateway.net	Anywhere from London	SIFD Teacher's Badge. Phil and Brenda have led classes in Kingston and Sutton since 1994, and HF Holidays dance courses since 1999.

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Philip Steventon 020 8397 9649 philip.steventon@ukgateway.net	General International - www.philip.steventon.ukgateway.net	Anywhere from London	SIFD Teacher's Badge. Phil and Brenda have led classes in Kingston and Sutton since 1994, and HF Holidays dance courses since 1999. Phil has played the clarinet in the SIFD Band for over 40 years!
Geoff Weston 0116 285 8352 jennyandgeoffweston@gmail.com	General International, English, Scottish, Manx	Anywhere from Leicestershire	SIFD Teacher's Badge. Have run international dance workshops at 4 dance weekends, as well as specialised international evenings for local English dance clubs.
Marina Wolstenholme 01433 630183 marina_w@talktalk.net	General International, Eastern European, Hungarian, Israeli, Romanian, former Yugoslavian, Greek, Bulgarian	Anywhere from Derbyshire	Degree in Physical Education with Dance Specialism. Lecturer in Dance in PE College & Coll. Of Higher Ed. 2 Education qualifications – 1 Diploma, 1 Cert. IFD Training course with Jan Knoppers. SIFD Teacher's Badge, 1972. Have taught workshops all over GB, & attended numerous courses abroad. Have led the Derbyshire Dancers since 1967.
Janet Woolbar janwoolbar@talktalk.net	General International, Eastern European, Romanian, Swiss, Portuguese	Anywhere from Middlesex	SIFD Teacher's Badge & general Teacher's Diploma. Over 40 year's experience.

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- ◆ Please negotiate with the teacher directly, agreeing on –
 - * date
 - * time
 - * venue.
- ◆ When booking a teacher, you may expect to pay a minimum of £25 per hour. Travel and other expenses should be negotiated when arranging a booking.

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- ◆ Under the “Free Teachers to Groups” scheme, the SIFD will reimburse fees when a group books a teacher from lists 1 or 2 on the Teachers List (circulated when you joined or renewed your membership) but not from list 3. Most of these teachers are listed here.
- ◆ **Payment for teaching is currently £25 per hour. Travel and other expenses should be negotiated between the teacher and the group.**
- ◆ Please check that you, or the group to be taught, hold adequate insurance cover.

To Book a Teacher

Choose a teacher. Negotiate with them directly, agreeing on –

- * date
- * time
- * venue.
- * travel arrangements (you usually pay for their transport costs)
- * how many hours of teaching you would like
- * what you're hoping the teaching will cover

To claim under the “Free Teachers to Groups” scheme

When a class or group Affiliates to the SIFD, they can choose whether to pay a standard fee, which entitles them to claim, each year, the tuition fees for up to 5 teaching hours under the “Free Teachers to Groups” scheme, or pay a higher fee which entitles them to claim up to 10 teaching hours, as long as SIFD funds permit.

Associated groups are eligible for up to 5 teaching hours.

The hours can be spread over several mini-sessions with several different teachers, or all “spent” over one weekend with one teacher.

If you are intending to make a claim under the “Free Teachers to Groups” scheme, please contact the treasurer,

Judith Payling – judithcpayling@yahoo.co.uk - when making a booking, to let her know who you’ve booked, and the date you’ve booked.

Judith can then budget for the fees.

Most importantly, when the event has taken place, please confirm this with Judith, so she can pay the teacher promptly.