

Primary Schools Glasgow Day of Dance 2025

We had the honour of hosting the Primary Schools' Glasgow Day of Dance at the magnificent City Chambers, thanks to the kind invitation of Lord Provost of Glasgow, Jacqueline McLaren. This historic venue provided a stunning backdrop and sparked curiosity and admiration among the children. Organised by Fiona McDonald (our Branch's Honorary Vice President) in collaboration with the Physical Education, Physical Activity and School Sport (PEPASS) team, this year's event saw close to 17 schools fill the hall with energy, dancing in sets of 20+ at a time!

We were delighted to welcome Depute Lord Provost Christy Mearns, who joined in for a lively Dashing White Sergeant! Branch Chair Ian Johnson and Society Chair-elect Sebastian Wanless were also in attendance, many Schools sharing in the joy of the occasion. The Lord Provost officially declared the day open, and the Society Chair-elect warmly welcomed everyone, encouraging the children to embrace the spirit of dance—and they certainly did! With wonderful live music from John Carmichael and his talented team, the children performed a lineup of Scottish Country Dances. The hall was alive with Charlestown Chasers, Dashing White Sergeants, and Flying Scotsmen!

A huge thank you to the teachers, parent chaperones, PEPASS team, Council staff, and volunteers from the Glasgow Branch for making this day so special. Your support ensures that Scottish Country Dancing continues to thrive in our schools. This successful event was organised by Fiona McDonald in conjunction with Glasgow Education P E Department.

The City Chambers gave a superb background. About 80 children, their teachers, RSCDS Chair-elect Sebastian Wanless, and the Branch helpers were welcomed by the Lord Provost. Walter Provan was our experienced MC and there was wonderful music provided by John Carmichael and his group of musicians. In the afternoon about 120 children attended. The children were well prepared for the 7 dances and we saw lots of enthusiasm and lively enjoyment,