

# **WOMEN'S CHESS IN HULL**

**British Champion and Women's  
Grandmaster**

**Jovanka Houska**



In celebration of the Women's English Chess Congress, being played at the Hull Royal Hotel, Friday 30th August - Sunday 1st September.

Join Jovanka for a glass of wine/soft drink and a snack before the actual congress and hear about her career, together with a chance for some chess tuition during the congress itself. All free for women and girls of all ages. See reverse for full details.

Women and girls of all ages are invited to this unique opportunity to learn more about chess, alongside the British Women's Chess Champion, Jovanka Houska. Jovanka will talk about how she became a Women's Chess Grandmaster and what it is like to compete in a male dominated sport (less than 2% of English registered chess players are female). Alongside Jovanka will be Chris Fegan, Director of Women's Chess at the English Chess Federation, with supporting information on all local chess clubs.

## THE EVENTS

(All events are free, but you **must book** via the General Secretary of the Hull and District Chess Association, Stephen Greep ([secretary@hullchess.com](mailto:secretary@hullchess.com)).

**Wednesday 28th August**, 19.30 - 21.00. An evening with Jovanka Houska (Prince of Wales Suite, Hull Royal Hotel, 170 Ferensway, Hull HU1 3UF), with wine and canapes

**Friday 30th August**, 12.30 - 14.00. Lunchtime with Jovanka Houska (The Brain Jar, Trinity House Ln, Hull HU1 2JA. Wine, soft drinks and a little something to eat! A repeat of Wednesday's evening event.

**Saturday 31st August**, 14.00 - 15.30 (exact time tba). Follow-up tuition with nationally accredited senior trainers at the Hull Royal Hotel, 170 Ferensway, Hull HU1 3UF.

**Saturday 31st August**, 20.00. Holiday Inn Marina, Castle St, Hull HU1 2BX. Anyone attending either of the sessions with Jovanka and the Saturday tuition will receive an invite to the English Women's Chess Congress barbeque free of charge.

## JOVANKA HOUSKA



Born in South London, eight-time British women's champion, (the last time at the British Championships held in Hull in 2018) Jovanka Houska became an International Master in 2005, lured by the thrill of checkmate she has since then devoted herself to chess! She has represented England in 18 team championships, winning a silver medal for her performance on board one in Iceland, 2015. In 2006 she became the first woman to win the prestigious English Player of the year title after her participation in the Women's World Championship. Jovanka has written three chess books and in 2016 co-authored a romantic novel set in the chess world called "The Mating Game." When she is not playing, writing or commentating on chess; you will probably find her on a plane somewhere above the North Sea splitting her time between her homes in Bergen and the UK.

Hull and District Chess Association would like to thank Hull City Council and the English Chess Federation for funding this short series of events to introduce more women to the fantastic game of chess.



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