

My Name is Rob Willmoth. I am a gold member of the ECF Federation.

I left my last job as a Vice President at Barclays Capital in the Strategy and change Dept, specialising in problem solving in corporate actions after 21 years. For the last ten years I have been a professional chess coach.

I now run Barnet Knights junior chess club, which now has grown to 250 members and also robillmoth coaching that employs chess coaches and operates in around 50 schools in the London and home counties area. I play regularly for Barclays, Hendon, Hackney and Barnet Knights. In addition to this I am also a qualified arbiter and a candidate master.

Over the last couple of years ago I have been taking a much greater interest in ECF matters. I have attended every council meeting regardless of being in London, Birmingham or Zoom. I have put forward a number of recommendations for junior chess that will help change the landscape for junior chess. These are slowly being moved forward by the ECF. I have also suggested moving away from the traditional game fee that can be a considerable problem for adult leagues and junior congresses , setting forth a possible set fee structure. In addition to this I have also put forward an incentive scheme for junior coaches and also better incentives for adult member benefits. I believe that these recommendations could start to increase membership numbers for the ECF and raise awareness of chess in the UK and build for the future once corona virus has passed

Voting for myself would ensure a pro-active forward looking approach to membership, and a fresh set of ideas for the ECF Board.