

Aga Milewska

I am re-standing for the position of Director of Women's Chess because I believe the ECF needs to be at the forefront of bringing more women and girls into organised competitive chess. I can say the last 3 years of my work in leadership was successful and I would like to continue with it. Now that we have so many possibilities to play chess not only on the board but as well online, we need to keep encouraging people to do so. Number of people playing chess significantly increased.

I would look to use my experience as an active tournament player, coach, organiser and arbiter to help female players fulfil their potential, and work to redress the gender imbalance in chess at all levels. Since the pandemic, I have been involved in the England Women's online team on Lichess.org, working together with the British Women's Champion, IM & WGM Jovanka Houska, Caroline Robson, IM Lawrence Cooper and Jo Hutchinson.

Thanks to IM Lorin D'Costa "She plays to win" for organising lessons and tournaments for girls only has a huge impact on women's chess. Also, a lot of English clubs have offered free memberships and prizes for women. Some clubs also organised evenings encouraging women to join local clubs.

From the women's budget I have donated some money to clubs and tournaments for increasing the number of participating women.

During the last 3 years I have participated in women's commissions meetings to increase knowledge and also be more familiar with all European and worldwide women's projects.

I have been selected into the European Chess Union Women's commission.

I would be in constant touch with women and girls playing in clubs and tournaments and aim to be a point of contact for local organisers wishing to offer greater opportunities for female players.

Relevant Experience:

International Arbiter

London coordinator, Chess in Schools & Communities (CSC)

Trainer, Teacher in London primary schools since 2015

Organiser, London Chess Classic schools events and ChessFest

Participant, English Women's Championship & British Championships

With regards

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