

## **DEVINA RISHI**



Devina Rishi fell in love with chess later in life, after her 6 year old son discovered a 'Battle Chess' game on the family's first home computer. Over the next few years she saw the influence it had on his approach to school-work as well as life in general. She campaigned to set up a club at her children's primary school and enlisted the help of a local chess tutor whom she assisted at first and later took over from.

The combination of the club's growing popularity and seeing benefits to the children, including those with SEN, inspired her to take the next step. Following an unexpected illness, she had retired from

her profession as an osteopath & lecturer. In 2004 she set up an independent project, operating on a not-for-profit basis, to introduce chess and other social & cultural activities to the wider Enfield community. Since then, her innovative and fun-filled teaching style has made her project & activities sought-after across North London.

She currently teaches chess at various schools in Enfield & Barnet, via her Start Chess in Schools programme and also runs beginners' workshops at her own club at Millfield Arts Centre, Edmonton, as well as in various community projects.

### **Specialties**

Chess Tuition, Hindi Language Tuition, Dance Choreography; Stage presentation and performances.