

## DEVELOPING BRIDGE IN LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS

Initiatives are taking place over many parts of the country to introduce children and young people to the card game of *BRIDGE*

### WHY?

Educational research has been conducted to ascertain the educational value of learning the game and conclusions have been reached that it helps develop and support

- Numeracy
- Non-verbal reasoning skills
- Concentration
- Communication skills
- Confidence

### HOW?

Bridge is introduced in schools through the game known as *MINI-BRIDGE*. Pupils have to learn all aspects of the game but without the complicated bidding sequences that can be gradually introduced later. This means that from the outset pupils are able to learn to play the game where the emphasis is on a practical, fun and non-threatening approach but without losing sight of the fact that *BRIDGE*, like *CHESS*, is a competitive mind sport.

### WHAT CAN WE OFFER?

A range of different initiatives can be offered to clusters of schools and individual schools.

- 6-8 week taster courses for whole classes of pupils
- Training sessions for staff and parents in learning to play and teach mini-bridge
- Support materials
- Advice and practical support in setting up school bridge clubs
- Practical support in setting up inter school competitions
- Advice and support for funding opportunities

### WHO ARE WE?

[Lincolnshire Contract Bridge Association](#) is a non-profit organisation, the object of which is to promote, organise and regulate the playing of Bridge throughout the county. There are 300 members who all play regularly in clubs around the Lincolnshire, as well as in county, inter-county, national and international competitions. The Association is affiliated to the English Bridge Union, which is the conglomeration of all 39 English county associations and which has over 25,000 members.

[Carol Garbett](#) is a retired teacher/lecturer. She took up bridge over twenty years ago to complement her other hobbies of choral singing, orchestral playing and gardening. Apart from continuing to play bridge regularly, she teaches the game and works for a bridge company that offers week-end courses, holidays and cruises.

### WHAT NEXT?

If you are interested in exploring the possibilities further, please complete the attached form, return it and then you will be contacted by Carol Garbett. An interactive version of the form is available on the Association's website at [www.lincsbridge.org.uk](http://www.lincsbridge.org.uk). Follow the *Education* link.

# Lincolnshire Contract Bridge Association School Survey Feedback Form

School:

Address:

Post Code:

Contact Name:

Contact Telephone:

Contact Email:

Preferred Contact Method: Telephone  Email

Ages From:  To:

Number on Roll:

Are you aware of any staff, parents or carers who have any experience of the game of Bridge?  If so, approximately how many?

Any other information or comments?:

Please complete this form and either

a) Print it by pressing the "Print" button and return it to:

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or

b) Submit it directly by email by pressing the "Email" button

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