



YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT 2024-25

The youth committee are still striving to develop interest about bridge in schools in Northern Ireland. They are currently active in 3 schools.

Belfast Royal Academy

Sandie Millership leads teaching in this school. Some of the pupils played in the recent Peggy Bayer International. There are also pupils learning at beginner level and there will be suitable pupils to play future Junior Home International events.

Carrickfergus Grammar School

Diane Greenwood and Norman Lacey are the team in this school. Diane teaches the more advanced players with some of them having taken part in Peggy Bayer 2025.

Norman Lacey teaches the beginners who are showing enthusiasm and hopefully will develop and fill the gaps when the senior pupils are ready to leave for University. We hope there will be other interested pupils in September to grow this beginners group.

We are trialling Google Classroom to provide a teaching platform for pupils to use for reference. Teaching information, videos, quizzes etc can all be displayed on Google Classroom.

Wellington College

This school has recently started playing bridge.

The team comprises Diane Greenwood, Heather Hill and Robin Burns. We are pleased to see this additional school in our bridge group. Hopefully this group will grow as one of the teachers expressed interest in bridge when teaching at Carrick Grammar. This has been very useful in getting bridge started here.

Future Plans

We would like to get other schools involved in playing bridge.

If any NIBU members have links with schools we would be pleased if they can open doors for us. It is always easier when we have a line of communication with schools.

Links can be developed through:

- Past Teachers
- Past Pupils
- Involvement in PTA
- Board of Governors or school Management Team.

Please advise Michael McFaul or a member of the Youth Committee if you can help us recruit more schools into the world of Junior Bridge.

Google Classroom

We hope to develop a centralised Google Classroom site containing information to be used for reference by pupils learning bridge.

Convention Card

We are discussing agreeing a standard Convention Card for pupils learning up to Peggy Bayer standard. This means that all will play the same conventions and in the same way. Additionally we can use standardised teaching material in all schools. CBAI have produced lesson books which they use to train their bridge teachers.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved with Youth Bridge please let us know as we would welcome your help.

Norman Lacey