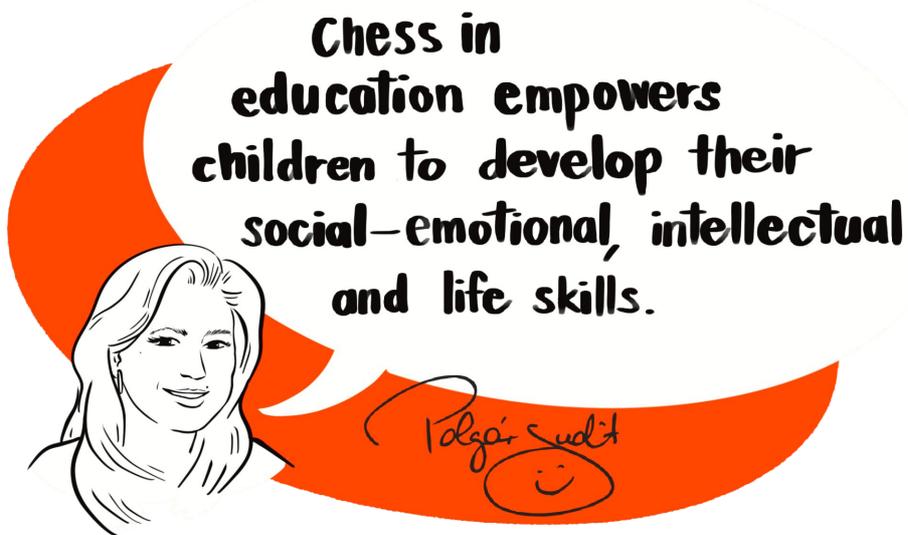




# JUDIT POLGAR'S GLOBAL CHESS FESTIVAL

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## Educational Chess Summit 2022



What are the benefits for children of learning about chess at an early age? What are the advantages of chess-oriented education starting in pre-school? How does chess support the learning of foreign languages? What opportunities does chess offer for the development of children with ASD? How does chess shape girls' thinking? At the internationally renowned 'Educational Chess Summit' we will pick up where we left off last year, showcasing the best and latest educational programs, innovations, and their results.

This year's patron of the summit is the **Minister of Education and Science of Georgia, Dr. Mikheil Chkhenkeli**. Besides him, acknowledged educational experts from around the world, teachers, and leading thinkers from various disciplines share their experiences and will demonstrate why chess can play a key role in future generations' education.

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**PROGRAM**



**8th October LIVE at 12.15 CET**

■ **Grandmaster Judit Polgár: The Importance of Chess in Education**

■ **Welcome speech by Dr. Mikheil Chkhenkeli, Minister of Education and Science of Georgia, patron of the Educational Chess Summit 2022**



JUDIT POLGAR CHESS FOUNDATION



## ■ Why chess is beneficial for early age? Chess Playground program by Judit Polgar in Happy Kids International Kindergarten

In the Chess Playground preschool program children get emotionally connected to the friendly chess characters and this gives them motivation to play more. The children become active participants in the story when playing on the chess carpet and they unconsciously learn. Demo lesson and presentation from Happy Kids International Kindergarten where Chess Playground has been running for several years. Come and see how joyful it is for children!

## ■ Adriana Salazar: More Than 25 Years of Pre-school Chess

Chess in the preschool stage (2-5 years) has enormous importance as it contributes to high-quality education. Combining chess with music and dance, it is possible fundamental pedagogical objectives for that age group. And if we alphabetize 100% of children under the age of 6 in chess, it will be very easy to continue using it as a pedagogical tool in primary school.

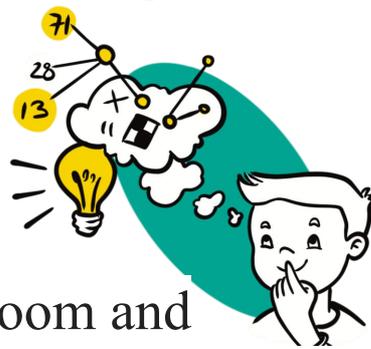


### Adriana Salazar

Chess International Master from Colombia, director of the "Chess in the Classroom Method". She has been applying Harvard University's theories of innovative education to chess for more than 25 years.

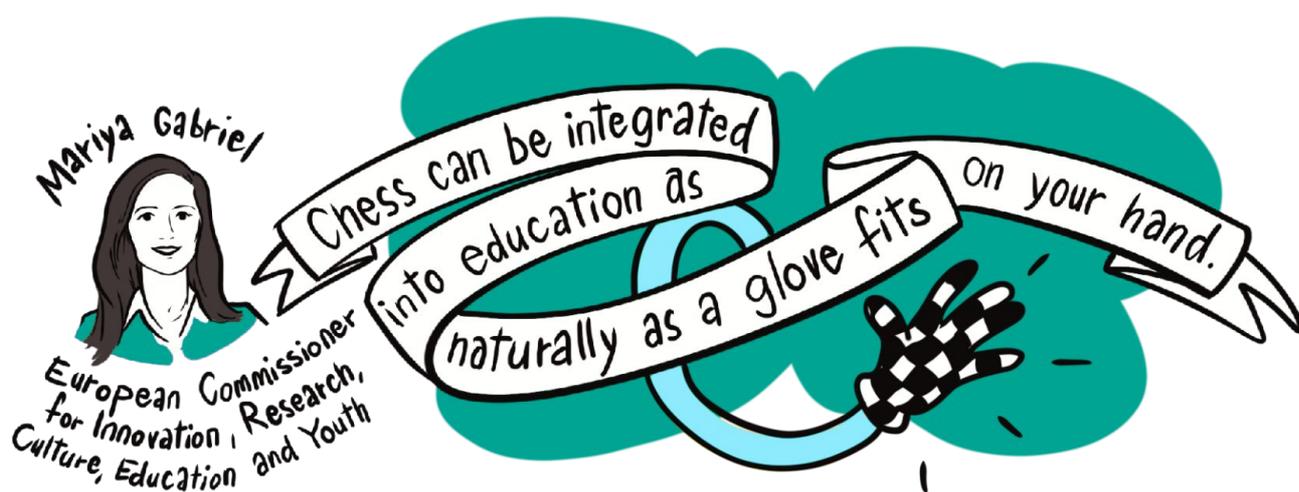
## ■ Rita Atkins: Teaching Problem-solving Skills through Chess with LogiqBoard

LogiqBoard is an interactive, shareable chessboard designed for play and group work to play chess, chess-like games, and other strategy games both in the classroom and online. How can you utilize the chessboard, the pieces, and other colourful icons to design creative exercises and investigations in subjects such as mathematics and languages?



### Rita Atkins

Mathematics teacher, Women International Master. She holds a degree in teaching Mathematics and Physics.



## ■ **Marta Amigó Vilalta: How Chess Works Transversally in Education**

The official educational chess program of the Government of Catalonia (region of Spain) has been running for ten years and has been labelled by FIDE as a model of good practice. The use of chess is mainly transversal (emotional intelligence) and interdisciplinary (mathematics, reading, social sciences, foreign language, technology). The University of Girona has measured its very positive results with scientific studies. The teachers' satisfaction rate is over 80%.

### **Marta Amigó**

Coordinator, founder and teacher of the official educational chess program at the schools of the Catalonia Region. President of the l'Espluga de Francolí Chess Club, referee and monitor of the Catalan Chess Federation (CCF), member of the board of the CCF.

## ■ **Philippe Vukojevic: Chess as a Tool for Foreign Language Initiation**

The benefits of playing chess at school are often linked to abstract logical thinking (and thus mathematics) or to social skills. But a teacher who knows the conditions under which efficient language acquisition can take place can easily use chess for foreign language initiation as well.

 **Grow by playing!**

### **Philippe Vukojevic**

Language lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences in Belgium. As a lecturer and translator/interpreter, his focus during chess lessons is naturally on the initiation of a foreign language.



## ■ ChessPE – Physical Education on the Giant Chessboard

The newest program of the Judit Polgar Method, ChessPE offers an opportunity for movement development based on the rules of chess. Children get familiar with various movement elements while being challenged through adaptable exercises. The methodology allows teachers to decide on the pace of applying the elements of the program, depending on the needs of the children.

 Chess opens doors for analytical and logical thinking, improves decision-making.

## ■ Stefan Kindermann: The King's Plan – Strategy and Decision Making for Kids

The original King's Plan, primarily aimed at executives and managers, is an effective strategy model for planning and decision-making. The King's Plan for Children initially introduces children to chess in a particularly playful and lively way. The decisive goal is to teach them important thinking strategies and problem-solving skills that they can use in a very concrete way in their everyday school life and also in their private life.

### **Stefan Kindermann**

Chess Grandmaster from Germany, co-founder of the Munich Chess Academy and the Munich Chess Foundation, author, NLP master, keynote speaker, and coach. Together with Professor Robert von Weizsäcker and Dijana Dengler, he has devised The King's Plan.

 **Chess fosters children's memory, concentration, calculation and strategic thinking.**

■ **Ashwin Subramanian: Play Chess – Become a Leader!**

In this presentation, Ashwin will share from his 25+ years of work experience on how learning and playing chess can help build critical cognitive skills that can be applied to enhance performance and also grow into a leader in the workplace.

**Ashwin Subramanian**

Software Engineering Manager, Technology Evangelist, and chess enthusiast from India. He is a business leader in the Hi-Tech Industry, leading a large team of engineers to deliver mission-critical enterprise software. He has been actively supporting the technology needs of several chess players globally and the Indian Chess Olympiad team as well. He also supports chess foundations such as the Judit Polgar Chess Foundation, Chessbase India Foundation & ChessGurukul Charity.

■ **Girls in Chess – a short film by Jenny Schweitzer**

**Chess in education offers children playful, motivational and flexible learning.**



## ■ Jerry Nash: What Kind of PERSON Do We Want Our Daughters to Become?

When girls play chess, they learn to participate, become empathetic, reflect on lessons learned, develop self-confidence, overcome fear, and learn to network with others. Educators who make these deliberate connections when teaching chess help girls find their voice and make a difference in the world around them.

### **Jerry Nash**

National Chess Education Consultant, Senior Adviser for Chess in Education for FIDE EDU from the US. He believes in the power of chess to enable student success – both in and beyond the classroom. His experience as a trainer has provided ample evidence that when teachers introduce chess to students, they create the opportunity for students to develop the skills they need to be successful.



**Chess is for everyone!  
Chess is a game  
of inclusion,  
it encourages  
acceptance  
and respect for  
the opponent.**

## ■ Anastasia Sorokina: Infinite Chess for Kids with ASD

FIDE's Infinite Chess Project aims to increase knowledge and awareness of chess for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), give practical advice to teachers and parents, study the benefits of introducing them to chess and develop various teaching methods.

### **Anastasia Sorokina**

Chess Women International Master, International Arbiter, FIDE Trainer, International Organiser. In her arbiter career she has been Deputy Arbiter at several Olympiads. Since 2021 she has been running important social projects in FIDE, the main one is "Infinite Chess - Chess for Kids" with an autism spectrum disorder.

## ■ Malcolm Pein: How Can Chess Build Community and Raise Social Awareness?

Chess in Schools and Communities, a UK-registered charity, aims to improve children's educational outcomes and social development by introducing them to the game of chess. Chess is a powerful educational intervention, but that doesn't mean that it has to stop at the classroom door.

### Malcolm Pein

Vice President of European Chess Union. Chess organiser, journalist, and community builder. Founder and Chief Executive of Chess in Schools and Communities.

**Chess in education strengthens essential 4C skills: critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.**



## ■ Nicolás González García: Commercial of Neusus Upcycling

What can be made from tires that have been withdrawn from circulation? For example, chess pieces and sets! Neusus Upcycling, by involving schools, is both promoting environmental awareness and using their unique pieces and sets to turn chess into a social and fun activity for children.

### Nicolás González García

Commercial Director and Event Manager of Neusus Upcycling from Spain.



## ■ Jesper Bergmark Hall: How to Develop a Good Chess Project for Kids

During the last few years, the popularity of chess has increased enormously. However, there are still many people outside the circle who want to get involved in chess for themselves or for their children. But how to build up successful chess projects? Practical tips for professional project management from financing to communication.

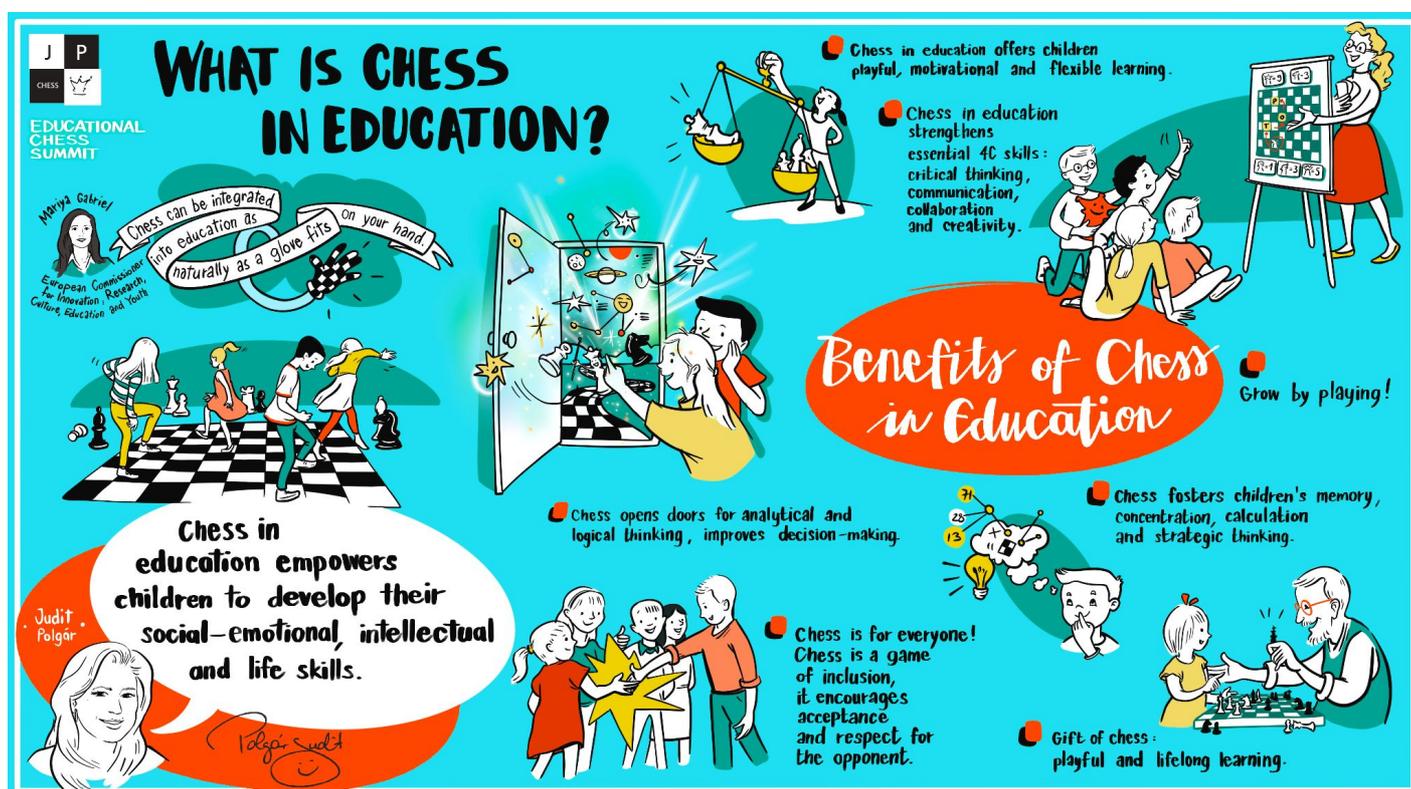
### **Jesper Bergmark Hall**

Chess International Master, FIDE Senior Trainer, author from Sweden. He is the Chairman of the Education Commission of the European Chess Union (ECU). Currently he is also in charge of chess talent development in Norway.

## ■ Chess in Education: The Next Move

There are 92.550 schoolteachers and 145.690 instructors from outside the school providing chess instruction and programming around the world. Both the image and demand for chess as an educational tool are improving. Roundtable discussion about the close future of Chess in Education.

*Benefits of Chess  
in Education*



## Dana Reizniece-Ozola

Current managing director of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and Deputy President of the European Chess Union. Women chess Grandmaster, served as minister of Economics (2014–2016) and minister of Finance (2016–2019) of the Republic of Latvia.

## Judit Polgár

Grandmaster, Chess Olympic Champion, Educational Ambassador.

## Zurab Azmaiparashvili

Grandmaster, President of the European Chess Union and Continental President for Europe of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) from Georgia.

## Leontxo García

Spanish lecturer, presenter, commentator and journalist specialised in chess. Councilor of FIDE on educational chess, he has trained or given lectures to more than 30.000 teachers in 30 countries. He has been awarded the Medal of Merit by the Spanish Government.

Moderator and host of the summit: **Leontxo García**

 **Gift of chess :  
playful and lifelong learning.**