

Margaret Bary joined the roster of ECD callers in 2016 after completing an apprenticeship with mentors Paul Ross and Beverly Francis. Along with CDNY, she calls English dances in other communities including Westchester, Ridgewood, Princeton, Albany, Boston, Burlington and the Hudson Valley, and has taught adults and children on staff at CDSS Family and Campers' Weeks, ESCape and LCFD. Recently, Margaret along with her husband Jeff, have delved into dance choreography, writing a number of dances that have been featured in the wider ECD community.

In addition to leading English Country and community dances, Margaret teaches English sword dancing. As a member of Half Moon, she hosts the NY English Sword Dance Festival, and performs locally and at events such as NEFFA, the Marlboro Ale and DART (Dancing America Rapper Tournament).

Margaret currently serves on the CDSS Board and on the steering committee of Pourparler, a national gathering for teachers of traditional dance and music. A lifelong dancer, she has a background in Modern Dance, holds an MFA in Dance Choreography and is a Certified Movement Analyst. After a long career as a dance educator, she currently mentors Pre-K teachers in NYC public schools. Underlying her work with people of all ages, Margaret believes that participatory dance fosters joy, self-expression and connection between people.

At CDNY, Margaret is calling ECD positionally, without reference to gender.