

Hull and East Riding Chess Association and the Freedom Festival

HERCA'S GRANDMASTER SHOWDOWN

A Grandmaster Simultaneous Exhibition with
2023 and 2024 British Blitz Chess Champion

ELDAR GASANOV

SATURDAY, 30TH AUGUST 2025 in HULL MINSTER

The simultaneous exhibition will be played between 13.00 and 17.00. Places are limited to 30. There will be a prize for the first person to win and, if no-one wins, to draw and, if no-one draws...the last to finish.

Do you want to play against one of the strongest players in the world? Participation is by pre-booking only which can be made online at congress.org.uk/congress/627/home. The cost is £20 (£10 for juniors).

Spectators very welcome – entry free. There will be chess sets and HERCA volunteers in Trinity Square all day as part of the Freedom Festival programme.

The event is part of Remembering Amos:
HERCA's Play Chess Festival 2025



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ELDAR GASANOV



Eldar Gasanov is a Ukrainian Grandmaster who has been resident in the UK, living in London, since 2022. His current ECF rating is 2575 which places him in the top 10 players in Britain. He won his GM title in 2007. Eldar's wife, WGM Elmira Mirzoeva, is the 2024 English Women's Champion.

Among his notable achievements are: Ukrainian U20 Champion (2002), shared 2nd-4th place in the Ukrainian Chess Championship (2007), winner of the Czech Open (2008), Ukrainian Blitz Champion (2018) and British Blitz Champion (2023, 2024). Eldar gave an informal simultaneous display at the Ukrainian Evening during the British Chess Championships in Hull in 2024.