



**Sensei Garry Masters**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Dan Principal Coach**  
**Ken Shin Kai Yoshinkan Aikido UK**

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**7th Dan Instructor - Yoshinkan Aikido**  
**1st Dan - Jodo & Iaido**

Garry began practising Yoshinkan Aikido in 1978 under the tuition of David Eayrs, founder of Ken Shin Kai and a founder member of the British Aikido Board. Over the years Garry has accumulated an extensive knowledge of Yoshinkan and various other styles of Aikido, receiving additional tuition from Francis Ramasamy (David Eayrs first instructor in Malaysia) and attending seminars taught by Kiyoyuki Terada, Morihiro Saito, Toshishiro Obata, Kyoichi Inoue, Tsutomu Chida, Yasuhisa Shioda and many others.

In addition to this Garry has also gained experience in Iaido, Shoto, Jodo and Tanjo winning the first ever Jodo championship held in England (Mudan Section) in 1986. Garry has given many Aikido demonstrations, including displays for Prince Andrew, the Japanese Naval Squadron, and Malaysian Sports Minister, Japanese Consul, British Aikido Board and regional television.

Garry has travelled three times to Malaysia, once to Hombu Dojo in Tokyo, Japan and to Moscow and has hosted visits from Kiyoyuki Terada and Francis Ramasamy, in order to extend his and his students knowledge of Aikido. Garry was the Chief Instructor of Ken Shin Kai, from 1985 to 1996. In 1996 after David Eayrs left England to establish Yoshinkan Aikido in Russia, Garry was elected as Principal Coach & Chairman of Ken Shin Kai. In his time as Principal Coach, Garry has obtained International recognition for Ken Shin Kai by establishing it as an Independent Yoshinkan Aikido Organisation, recognised by the Aikido Yoshinkan Federation (AYF), the headquarters for \*Yoshinkan Aikido based in Japan.

Garry is the second highest Yoshinkan Aikido Instructor in the UK holding the internationally recognised and authenticated rank of 7th Dan Instructor in Yoshinkan Aikido. Garry received his 7th Dan from Yasuhisa Shioda Sensei who is the son of the founder of Yoshinkan Aikido Soke Gozo Shioda Sensei. Garry was previously graded to 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Yoshinkan by Kiyoyuki Terada Sensei in the UK in April 2002 and 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Yoshinkan by Kyoichi Inoue Sensei in France in 1996.

All of this has been achieved by Garry, despite the fact that in view of a heart condition, and having suffered a brain haemorrhage, he had been advised not to participate in any type of sport or physical exercise from a very early age.

\*only dojos and instructors registered with the Yoshinkan Honbu Dojo are permitted to use the Yoshinkan Aikido name ([www.yoshinkan.net](http://www.yoshinkan.net))