

## GROWTH – Ambassadors

Each unit will soon be receiving (if you haven't already) a fabulous 'proud to support' brooch from your Division Commissioner. These lovely brooches have been made using funding we've received to help with our volunteer growth project.

The idea is to give this brooch to someone – an ambassador – who will support your unit and act as a spokesperson for Girlguiding in your local community. They don't have to already be involved with guiding, but could be a local head teacher, parish councillor, a faith leader or a business person. Whoever it is, they will wear their brooch with pride and help to raise the profile of guiding locally.

So, think who you might approach to ask them to wear your brooch.

**We'd love to hear about your ambassadors and how they've helped you. Share your success stories in your local Division and via our county Facebook pages.**

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscription final invoices are available to view and download from the Subscriptions system. Please ensure that all payments have been received by **Noon, Thurs 28 March**.

Unit leaders should contact their local commissioner or key user if they have any queries about the process. Commissioners with queries should contact the county treasurer via [treasurer@girlguidingleeds.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@girlguidingleeds.org.uk)

## PROPERTIES – ROBIN HOLE

Are you looking to take your Guides camping? By using Robin Hole you are supporting Leeds own Campsite, saving on transport costs as it's on the doorstep. If we don't use it we are in danger of losing it like all the other guiding centres.

Robin Hole is a beautiful site with great facilities. Lots of improvements have been made to the site and it would be lovely to see more units camping and using the site. For bookings made before Easter (camping only) for anytime this year there will be a 10% reduction on the price.

**Date for your diary:** We are changing the Robin Hole spring cleaning from the usual Saturday to **Monday 18 March**. If you are free on a Monday and would like to come and help then please put the date in your diary. We would love to see you there.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

### Calling all Rangers & their leaders – free event!

We have an opportunity for rangers to take part in some programme activities delivered by Jacobs as part of their STEAM Broaden Your Horizons initiative on Wednesday 24 April at 6.30–8.30pm. A great opportunity for rangers to meet others from around the county and complete some UMAs together. The flyer has been emailed to all Ranger leaders direct.

### Queen's Guide Award – how to find out more

We are holding a Zoom session on Tuesday 19th March from 8pm for those interested in finding out more about the Queen's Guide award. The session will be suitable for those who may be interested in doing the award as well as those who would like to support others to do it. If you would like to join us, please email [queensguide@girlguidingleeds.org.uk](mailto:queensguide@girlguidingleeds.org.uk). (If you are interested but cannot do that date then please email us anyway as we can arrange additional sessions if needed.)

### Just for Guides, Rangers & Young Leaders – Design competition

Empowering! Fearless! Confident!

Calling all Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders – we want to know how Girlguiding Leeds makes you feel!

Submit your pin badge designs to [admin@girlguidingleeds.org.uk](mailto:admin@girlguidingleeds.org.uk) by **Friday 29 March 2024** for a chance for your creation to be made into a reality!

### Grand Day Out – 29 June @Wetherby Racecourse

Please start your booking process now. There is a dedicated webpage [here](#). We have also created a flyer that you can email to parents to encourage attendance, this can be located [here](#).

Local Councilors have advised that there is MICE money available to support units who are struggling to get girls there. Please take the opportunity to obtain this money. Division Commissioner's will be sharing more information shortly.

### County Out & About Week – w/c 10 June 2024

#### Chip Shop Chomp Challenge

As part of our plan for growth '*Have fun, be seen, spread the word*', we have been thinking of fun and easy ways to help increase our membership across Leeds. So, for 'out and about week', we'd like to challenge units to go on a Chip Shop Chomp.

It's a simple idea and a popular classic! And, of course, we've designed a badge too. Members of all ages can join in, have fun and be seen out and about. The challenge can be downloaded [here](#).

Chip Shop Chomp badges are now available to purchase.

## Ready Steady... Gold Challenge

In 2024, the Olympics and Paralympics take place in Paris, so we have an exciting challenge badge to get you into the spirit! There is something for everyone in this challenge. It's not just about sport. There's lots of crafts to complete, debates to be had and history to learn as well!

We hope you enjoy the badge and we would love it if you could share your pictures (with permission) with us. You can post them to our Facebook Members page to email them to [social@girlguidingleeds.org.uk](mailto:social@girlguidingleeds.org.uk). Thank you to Clare D and Jenny S for putting this together for us.

So, what you waiting for? Ready, Steady, Gold!

[You can download the challenge by clicking on this link](#)

[You can order your badges by clicking on this link](#)

## Young Leaders – lots of opportunities

We have a great community of Young Leaders here in Leeds County. They are amazing role models to younger members. Young Leaders can work towards a qualification as official recognition of all their efforts. We have recently updated the Young Leader page on the Leeds County Website. There is lots of information and resources for Young Leaders and their adult supporters. Find this page here - <https://girlguidingleeds.org.uk/member-resources/volunteer/young-leaders/>

### Young Leader Qualification Update

Girlguiding have announced that the Young Leader Qualification will be changing in Summer 2024. There will be a crossover period until Summer 2025 for those working on the current qualification so there's no need to worry. However, we would suggest that anyone who would like to complete the current qualification tries to do so as quickly as possible. There is lots of support available to help Young Leaders through the qualification on the website. You can also email the young leader adviser for any help.

### Events Calendar:

These are open to all Young Leaders in Leeds or young members who are interested in becoming Young Leaders and want to find out more. Please note that the zoom call times have recently change and will now be at 8pm.

- Zoom Calls: Thursday 25 April & Tuesday 9 July
- Summer Social: Saturday 1 June at 1pm – Roundhay Park

### How to get in touch:

Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/245075526894433/>

WhatsApp group - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KXGibH7PSI86IWUCa4u2eI>

Instagram - @ggleeds Email - [youngleaders@girlguidingleeds.org.uk](mailto:youngleaders@girlguidingleeds.org.uk)

(Please can young members under 18 cc in another adult to their message)

## HELP FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

Do you have items of men's clothing, backpacks, suitcase/hold alls etc that you no longer need?

Items can be dropped off at the Trefoil Centre on Saturday 16 March 10 – 12.30pm. We can **ONLY** accept donations during this time, anything brought after this time will be returned to you.

We will arrange to get any donated items to the drop off point on your behalf.



## END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS & MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

A reminder that the end of March is the deadline for getting your accounts independently examined and the signed summary to your division commissioner. If you are likely to miss the deadline then please contact your commissioner as soon as possible with an update on the reasons. If you need any help then please do ask either via your commissioner or by coming along to the [accounts drop-in session at the Trefoil Centre on the 16 March](#).

Also a reminder that your unit's membership subscriptions payment needs to have been completed by the 28 March. [If you are paying by cheque and haven't already sent it, then it will need to be in the post as soon as possible.](#)

## MEMBER EXPERIENCE SURVEY

The closing date to complete the members experience survey is Friday 29 March. We want to take the opportunity to gather your thoughts and reflections regarding your member experience in Girlguiding Leeds county. Please do take the opportunity to let us know what you think.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

## RECRUITMENT STALL

If you are free between 11am and 2pm on Wednesday 27 March come along and say HELLO at the Volunteer Hub in Leeds City Market.

Bring your work colleagues, you never know they may start volunteering.

## TRAINING

Lots of new trainings have been added, and are open for applications. on the county website [here](#). There is something for everyone. Why not take a look to see what we have on offer.

Can't find the events tab? It's moving to a new location, and is will be located in the members area.



## Out of County Training Opportunities

**South Yorkshire County** are offering a water safety training at Hesley Wood, Sheffield on 13 April if anyone would like to attend. On the afternoon of the same day, they are running one of the Region low level walks from Hesley so again, anyone is welcome to book on and join them. Information and booking links are: <https://girlguidingsouthyorkshire.org.uk/event/water-safety-training>  
<https://girlguidingsouthyorkshire.org.uk/event/learning-walk-for-adults/>

**West Yorkshire South** are holding a County Day on Saturday 23 March 2024 at The Chesneys Centre, Featherstone, WF7 5EW and have extended the invitation to anyone in Leeds to attend as well. The day runs from 9.30am – 4pm (or 4.30pm for all day trainings). Lunch is a choice of hot roast beef sandwiches or vegetarian sandwich with crisps and fruit. Refreshments will be available during the day – please bring your own mug!

Bookings are via Eventbrite and can be booked here. [Skills Day](#), [First Response](#), [Leader Development Programme](#).

## EVENTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| DATE  | EVENT   | LINK  |
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| Week commencing<br>Monday 10 June 2024<br>(All members) | Out & About Week<br>                                  | <a href="#">Chip Shop Chomp Challenge - Girlguiding Leeds</a>       |
| Saturday 29 June 2024<br>(All members)                  | "Grand Day Out" – all section County Activity Day<br> | <a href="#">Register your unit</a><br><a href="#">Find out more</a> |

## Feel like you've missed something?

Back editions of snippets are available on the website [HERE](#)

If you have obtained an external First Aid Qualification, and think it may cover all of the Girlguiding First Response requirements, this needs to be verified by the region team who can be contacted on the following email address: [firstaidverifiers@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk](mailto:firstaidverifiers@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk)