

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW GUIDING TERM

I hope you have all been enjoying some down time over the school holidays and had a chance to recharge ready for the summer term.

I hope the summer term brings lots of laughter, fun and adventure. We have two fantastic events coming up this term, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW COUNTY VICE PRESIDENT

We are delighted to announce that Ruth Errington from Abbeywood division has been approached and accepted our offer of becoming our new county vice president. Our thanks are extended to Glennis Allan for all that she has done who has just completed her term of office.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Could you, or someone you know be the next county commissioner for Girlguiding in Leeds? Nominations are now open for Louise's replacement. All active volunteers should have received an email from Alison Hampshire from the Region office on Tuesday 9 April. If you would like to find out more about what the role entails, please get in touch with Louise on cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk and she would be happy to explain the role in a bit more detail.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you! We got to the 100% payment an hour before the deadline. Thanks must go to the Division Commissioners and their teams for all the chasing that they had to do to ensure we met the deadline.

SECTION PROGRAMME AWARDS

You'll have seen in last week's Guiding News email that section awards are now available from trading. An announcement that has come with very little notice, and means that we still have stocks available from our county office. Please can I ask you to help us recover the money we've invested in these stocks by continuing to order from us for the time being. Isabelle will do all she can to fulfil the orders. Any queries can go to awards@girlguidingleeds.org.uk.

ACCESS TO GO & LEARNING PLATFORM – single log in

There is now a single log in for use with both GO and the Learning Platform. We know that change can be difficult, but this system now offers much higher security than the old logging in process.

Your new password needs to be 15 characters long and must contain: Min 1 lower case, Min 1 uppercase, Min 1 number, Min 1 special character.

If you are struggling to access GO, there is lots of useful information to support you [here](#).

GROWTH – Running a Recruitment Stall

Now is a good time to be thinking about running a recruitment stall. If it's something you haven't done before, it can be a bit daunting, but we're here to help. Here are our top tips and don't forget – we've put together some recruitment boxes with lots of resources all ready to go!

When you are planning your stall think about:

Where: There are lots of possibilities, and it's worth thinking outside the box. You could approach your local supermarket, have a stall at a farmer's market or attend a gala or fete.

When: Make sure you plan well in advance and let everyone else in your division know, so they can put the date in their diaries. You may also want to borrow the county resources, so you don't want to find they are already booked!

Who: Ask others to help you, this is not something that should fall on one person's shoulders. The more the merrier and it helps share the load!

Costs: Depending on where you are holding your stall you may need to make a small contribution, so you'll need to ensure you include this in the budget. Think about whether you'd like to purchase some giveaways or activities too.

What: You can borrow the county recruitment boxes, but you may also want to have some local flyers or posters printed, or bring other resources. The boxes contain display boards, bunting, table cover, recruitment posters, volunteer stickers and postcards. Plus giveaway chatterboxes and bookmarks. You'll need to consider if there's anything else you'd need.

Finally, think about how you are going to attract attention. Being appealing to children will bring in the adults. We have badge machines and bubble machines to borrow. It's perfectly acceptable to use the opportunity to do some fundraising too. Charging a small fee for an activity for children gives you the opportunity to speak to those with them.

Good luck with your recruitment stall – and don't forget we love to hear how you get on! It's good to find out what's worked (or not worked) for you, so we can share great ideas.

International Advisor

Are you experienced in taking girls abroad? Could you be our new International Advisor?

More information is available [here](#) or please speak to Anne Esslemont on

development@girlguidingleeds.org.uk.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

Grand Day Out – 29 June @Wetherby Racecourse

Please start your booking process now, final date for registrations and payment is **6 May**. 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](#).

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.

Leeds Rhino's Opportunity

Do you fancy being part of a 'Sing Spectacular' at Leeds Rhinos match against London Broncos on Saturday 6 July 2024? This will involve hundreds of children from local schools and community groups being on the pitch to perform a song to thousands of people in the Headingley crowd.

The track will be a medley made up of the songs below; and will be performed by local group LS18 Rocks!

We Will Rock You – Queen, Can't Stop The Feeling – Justin Timberlake, I Gotta Feeling – Black Eyed Peas, Firework – Katy Perry, Roar – Kay Perry, Never Forget – Take That

The song will be made available as a YouTube link so that the girls can also learn the words.

After the performance children and families will be able to stay and watch the Rhinos match against the London Broncos. Entry for the participants & accompanying leaders will be free of charge and parents/carers/siblings/etc will be able to access reduced priced tickets via a discount code (£10 adults & £5 children aged 16 and under).

If you would like to take part in this event please go to the attached [link](#). All expressions of interest need to be with us by 5 June 2024.

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 or email them to 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](#)

CLOD

Ever heard of CLOD? CLOD (**C**ounty [of] **L**eeds **O**ut**D**oors) is the Leeds county walking group for current and former volunteers.

If you are interested in walking you are welcome to join us on our walks and annual walking weekend. Dates for 2024 include:

Thursday 6 June to Sunday 9 June at Whiteley Woods, Sheffield - walking holiday with walks for all abilities.

Tuesday 23 July - 4 mile evening walk.

Monday 2 September - AGM and social at The Trefoil Centre.

If you want your name adding to the email walk group please contact Jane Wilkinson on rainbowranger67@gmail.com. Any questions about CLOD contact Chris March on 07455 992254.



GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

Now that we'll have more daylight and hopefully better weather during unit meetings, you may well be planning more sessions away from your usual meeting place so just a reminder that you will need to complete a risk assessment for these. You'll also need to make sure that you have suitable consent either via the local activities form (completed once for any non-adventurous activities within walking distance of your meeting place) or via the day events and activities form for adventurous activities or anything further away. We have a few example activity risk assessments on the county website which you can have a look at if you need some help with where to start. [Risk Assessments - Girlguiding Leeds](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUIDES, RANGERS AND YOUNG LEADERS

International Opportunities

Like last year, Girlguiding North East England will be running a selection weekend in the autumn (20 to 22 September) for those interested in being part of an international experience. There are two types of trip:

- International Community Experience 2025 (ICE) (for those aged 11 to 13 in August 2025)
- International Opportunities 2026 (for those who will be at least 14 by the 19th July 2026 and under 18 by the 31st August 2026)

For both trips, there is a ballot to randomly allocate places on the September weekend and then some of those attending that weekend will be offered places on the final trips. This means that participants will need to be confident to attend on their own as there is no guarantee that there will be anyone else they know at the weekend or on the trip.

Follow the links below to find out more. The deadline for entering both ballots is 17 May.

[Girlguiding NEE International Community Experience \(ICE\) 2025 - Ballot Entry - Girlguiding North East England](#), [Girlguiding NEE Internationals Summer 2026 - Ballot Entry - Girlguiding North East England](#)

Amplify

Amplify is Girlguiding's youth steering group which helps make sure that girls' voices are heard and consulted at the highest levels of Girlguiding. They are now recruiting for new people to join the group which is open to those aged 12 to 18. Application is via an online form and those successful will attend a get together in Norwich from the 8th to 11th August followed by monthly online sessions where they will be asked to give their input on all sorts of topics. See the link below to find out more information.

[Join Amplify, Girlguiding's youth steering group | Girlguiding](#)

Leading residential events

Older Guides, Rangers and young leaders can plan and run their own residential events, gaining a qualification the first time they do it and then being able to use the qualification at future events. This is a great opportunity for them to develop their planning and leadership skills.

Guide Camp Permit

Guides aged 12+ can complete the Guide Camp permit by planning and running a weekend camp for 4 to 8 Guides. See the below link for further information. [guide-camp-permit-guidance-for-volunteers-2019.pdf \(girlguiding.org.uk\)](#)

Lead Away Permit

Rangers and young leaders can complete the lead away permit by planning and running a camp or indoor holiday for at least two nights with a group of 4 to 8 Rangers or young leaders. Just like with the adult going away qualification, they will be allocated a mentor to support them. If you have a Ranger or young leader interested in doing the qualification, please contact gaw@girlguidingleeds.org.uk to request a mentor - the initial request should come from an adult leader rather than direct from the young member. See the below links for further information for those doing the qualification and those supporting them. [lead-away-permit.pdf \(girlguiding.org.uk\)](#), [lead-away-permit-guidance-for-supporting-volunteers.pdf \(girlguiding.org.uk\)](#)

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.

EVENTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LINK
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2024 (All members)	Out & About Week 	Chip Shop Chomp Challenge - Girlguiding Leeds
Saturday 29 June 2024 (All members)	"Grand Day Out" - all section County Activity Day 	Register your unit Find out more

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