

GROWTH – Being seen – get out and about

There are plenty of UMAs and Skills Builders that encourage you to do them outside (and not just in the Have Adventures Theme!) With the better weather approaching, think about what activities you could do outside your meeting place.

You could go to a nearby park to play games, do a local litter pick, have a treasure hunt or go on a penny hike. Please remember to follow the procedures for meeting away from your usual meeting place and ask for the correct permissions.

Don't forget, we have our [Chip Shop Chomp challenge](#) for Out and About Week next month (w/c 10 June). This is great fun and an opportunity to get your girls out and about in uniform to spread the word that Guiding is still here!

BUSINESS SUPPORT ROLE

We're currently recruiting for a county Business Support manager to have responsibility for business support for Girlguiding Leeds; delivering a high quality service to volunteer members. This is a paid role involving 12-16 hours per week, 46 weeks per annum.

More information can be found [Current County Vacancies – Girlguiding Leeds](#).

INCLUSION – Girls with additional needs

In county we are seeing increasing numbers of girls who have additional needs or SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) joining our units. It has been wonderful see and work with leaders who are working hard to accommodate these girls within units.

As the number of girls increase, the inclusion team are fielding more and more queries about how to support their needs. For these conversations to be more effective and efficient please can leaders ensure that they have completed an adjustment plan with the parents/carers. Also, leaders should think and plan how they will accommodate **all girls** at an event or trip **before** it is offered widely. **All girls** should have the right to access **all activities** offered by the unit. If you feel that this is not manageable please talk to the inclusion team and we will hopefully guide you as to how reasonable adjustments can be made to ensure everyone has access.

We hope that this will also ensure that we have a reduction in complaints by parents that we are not upholding the inclusive vision of Girlguiding.

We have seen lots of positive adaptations for girls with additional needs so please keep making these positive changes. It means the world to them and their families.

For more information please contact the Leeds County Inclusion Team inclusion@girlguidingleeds.org.uk or [Including everyone in guiding | Girlguiding](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

There are lots of opportunities for you to get involved at a county level, we are currently looking for volunteers for the following roles:

- Enthusiastic board members to join our small group of existing trustees in a number of roles – Chair, Finance, Property, H&S. If you would like to know more about what being a trustee entails, we have a trustee training being held on Tuesday 21 May via zoom. Book [here](#).
- Property Team Lead – one for Robin Hole and another for The Trefoil Centre.
- Property team members – a variety of support roles are needed – across both The Trefoil Centre and Robin Hole
- International Adviser
- Training Coordinator – with the role being split across compliance training and other training

For more information email cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk. Go on, what's stopping you, or someone you know?

ROBIN HOLE – Tents and tidy day

On Tuesday 28 May from 10am, we need some support at Robin Hole to help clear out the store cupboard. We need to check the ridge tents and put them up for sale as they are no longer used and are taking up valuable storage that could be put to better use. Please email robinhole@girlguidingleeds.org.uk if you are able to come along and help, even if it is only for a couple of hours.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Don't forget we have our county recognition pins to recognise the fantastic efforts that volunteers across the county make. Details can be found [here](#).

There are also the [regional awards](#), and [national awards](#) including the Hero Award. If you would like to nominate someone and need some support with the application please contact Andrea Simon via the county [office](#).

Girlguiding Celebrates is happening this year on Sunday 29 September 2024 at ODEON Luxe, Leicester Square London. Girlguiding will be celebrating the achievements of remarkable volunteers who've recently been awarded Queen's Guide, Laurel, Award Silver Fish or Guiding star awards. Like last year, we are being asked to nominate local volunteers for a seat at Girlguiding Celebrates. Get nominating, you never know one of your fellow volunteers could be selected. [Girlguiding Celebrates 2024 | Girlguiding](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

Grand Day Out – 29 June @Wetherby Racecourse

Please complete your home contact details for Grand Day out if you have not done so already.

NOT BRINGING YOUR UNIT? Could you come along and help for a couple of hours on the day, there are lots of opportunities to get involved. If you would like to know more please reach out to Jane Girt on adventure@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

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

Badges will be back in stock next week. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get yours

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](#)

Badge Orders



We have lots of badge orders ready to go in the office, but haven't received payment for them. If you've ordered any badges recently, including Chip Shop Chomp and Ready, Steady, Gold, please check you've either paid by BACs or sent us a cheque. We don't ship orders until we've received the payment.

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.

DATE	TRAINING	LINK
Mon 13 May (face to face @ Trefoil Centre)	Going Away With Qualification	Email training@girlguidingleeds.org.uk to add you to the attendees list for these sessions.
Tues 14 May (face to face @ Trefoil Centre)	Managing Girls Attitude 10+	Trustee Training - Girlguiding Leeds
Tues 21 May (Virtual - 90 mins)	Trustee Training	Volunteer Training - Girlguiding Leeds
June	First Response – lots of dates, please refer to the website (remember the see more button)	LDP - Celebrating Every Member - Girlguiding Leeds
Mon 10 June (Virtual - 90 mins)	LDP - celebrating every member	Challenging Behaviour - Girlguiding Leeds
Tues 11 June (Virtual - 90 mins)	Challenging Behaviour	

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?

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