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Grand Day Out

A huge 'thank you' to all the volunteers who made our Grand Day Out happen and to those of you who brought your units on the day. It was fantastic to see so many members of all ages enjoying themselves.

There has been a big buzz following the event and lots of people have been saying how much fun their units had.

Leeds County Commissioner Recruitment

Hopefully you will have seen from the email on Tuesday that the recruitment process for finding our next county commissioner will be rerun in September.

Unfortunately, not everyone received the original email asking for nominations, so Louise and the designate Region Chief, Wendy, have agreed that the most sensible and fair solution is to hold the nominations again.

Please give some thought about who you would like to nominate and why (it could be you!). Further information will be sent to everyone in early September.

Ready, Steady...GOLD

There has been an unprecedented and overwhelmingly positive response to our Ready, Steady...GOLD challenge. We have now sold out of badges for the third time (that's 2,000 badges)!

Our next delivery is due this week, so we will be doing our best to get all existing orders packaged up and sent out by the end of the week.

To avoid disappointment, we are now taking pre-orders via our <u>online shop</u>. If you would like to pre-order badges, please do so by **SUNDAY 14 JULY**. We will place the final order the following week and hope to receive them mid-August.

Items for County Newsletter

Are needed by **7 July**, please email your article and photographs (with correct permissions) to newsletter@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

New Term Checklist

We hope you all have a great, relaxing summer break.

When you're ready to start thinking about next term don't forget our helpful guide – Back to Guiding, Your New Term Checklist is available on our website.



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New County Online Shop

In case you missed it, our new county <u>online shop</u> is now LIVE! Please use this to order your programme awards, challenge badges and county merchandise. There is the option to pick up from The Trefoil Centre, or have your items posted to you.

If you are looking for county branded clothing, this can be purchased here.

Spreading the Word on Social Media

Don't forget, if you are a LinkedIn user to follow our new page <u>linkedin.com/company/girlguiding-leeds</u> to help promote Girlguiding Leeds to a wider audience and forge links with potential partners.

Follow us on **Instagram @ggleeds** for details as to what's going on in the county, details on awards and stories covering days out and celebrating our units!

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.
- 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 <u>cc@qirlquidingleeds.org.uk</u>.

Go on, what's stopping you? Or maybe you know someone else who would be perfect for one of these roles?



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

Leeds Rhinos' Annual Family Day

Leeds Rhinos have shared with us an invitation to attend their annual family day at Headingley on Saturday 20 July.

The Rhinos will be playing Hull KR and all junior tickets (aged 16 and under) are just £5. There will also be a host of activities for children and families to enjoy, as well as the match itself.

All groups – units or family groups – are welcome. Please feel free to share this with your units and their families.





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Young Leader Programme Launch Event

North East England Region are hosting a launch event for the new young leader programme at York Central Library on 28 September from 10-4 pm, with lunch and refreshments included.

The day will include: an overview of the new qualification, modules available, expectations and support available, and an opportunity for young leaders to practice new skills.

Region have invited each county to send four participants; 3 young people hoping to start the new qualification (ideally 1 from each section: rainbows, brownies and guides) and one adult willing to feed back to their county about the new programme.

Please ask your Young Leaders if they would be interested in attending the event and, if so, let your Division Commissioner know before the end of term – **Friday 19 July**.

Have any of your girls gained their Gold Award?

Next summer we are holding a celebratory day for our young members who have gained their programme Gold Award. If anyone in your unit has achieved this since July 2023 (Rainbows through to Rangers), please let us know by completing the <u>form here</u> – so we can ensure they are invited.

Task and Finish Groups

Gold Award event – help organize and run a special event to celebrate girls who have achieved their Gold programme award.

Guide Crystal Maze - help organize the activity day on Sunday 29 September at Robin Hole.

Rainbow Winter Wonderland - date to be agreed (November or December), also at Robin Hole.

TRAINING

Trainings are available for booking on the county website <u>here</u>. There is something for everyone. Why not take a look to see what we have on offer.

DATE	TRAINING	LINK
September & November	First Response – various dates, please refer to the website.	Volunteer Training - Girlguiding Leeds
20 October	LDP – New Leader Induction	Book here
31 October	Going Away With	Book here
20 November	No cost meetings - Rainbows	Book here
21 November	No cost meetings - Brownies	Book here



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EVENTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LINK
Saturday 28 September	Robin Hole open day	
Sunday 29 September (Guides)	Crystal Maze activity day at Robin Hole	
TBC (Nov/Dec)	Rainbow Winter Wonderland	

Feel like you've missed something?

Back editions of snippets are available on the website HERE

County Shop **HERE**

County clothing can be purchased **HERE**