

Welcome back!

As the leaves begin to change and we step into a new season, we are thrilled to welcome you back to another exciting term in Girlguiding Leeds. We hope you had a wonderful summer break filled with adventure and relaxation.

This term promises to be action packed with fun activities, new badges to earn, and opportunities to make lasting memories with friends. Whether you've been with us a while or are new to our community, we are delighted to have you with us. Together we'll create unforgettable memories, learn new skills, and have lots of fun.

Stay tuned for updates on our upcoming events, meetings, and special projects. Let's make this term one to remember!

Leeds County Commissioner Application Process

As we explained in our July Snippets, the process of recruiting the next county commissioner is being rerun this month. Hopefully you will have seen the email from our region chief, Wendy, sent on Monday to all members in Leeds explaining the process.

Wendy is asking for individuals to apply for the role – rather than for nominations. So, please consider whether you would like to apply for this important and rewarding role.

The deadline for applications is Monday 30 September. If you would like to find out more about the role, you can contact Louise at cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk.

REN Forms

Don't forget if you need to complete a REN form for a residential event, you must use the new form which is available on the national [Girlguiding website](#).

The procedure we have in Leeds County to support the completion of RENs and ensure the process runs smoothly can be found in [Residential Experiences](#) on the members section of our website.

UPDATE – County Team

We have made a slight tweak to the structure of the County Team and are delighted to let you know that Isla Gerrard is taking on the role as the lead for the Next Gen team (formally the Wider Opportunities team comprising of Young Leader Coordinator, DofE Advisor, Ranger Adviser, Peer Ed Coordinator, Queen's Guide Adviser and Inspire Coordinator), and Clare Devine will lead the Valuing and Developing Members team.

We're also thrilled to welcome Suzie Moody to the County Team as our new International Adviser.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

County Treasurer Vacancy

Our County Treasurer, Marion, has decided to step down after 6 years in this role. We'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to Marion for all her support, help and advice over this time.

This does mean we now have a vacancy in the county team which we need to fill.

The county treasurer is an important role which includes ensuring the accuracy of the county's financial records, supporting the process of preparing end of year accounts, and reporting and advising on financial matters.

You don't need any special qualifications to take on this role, but it would be helpful to have an understanding of financial processes. You will receive training, as required, and will be supported by the County Commissioner and County Administrator.

A full job description can be downloaded from the Girlguiding website (search 'treasurer').

For more information or to apply email cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk.

A full list of current Leeds County volunteer vacancies is available on our [website](#).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

Peer Education Sessions

If you would like to have a Peer Educator come to your unit to run a session with your girls, please contact PeerEd@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

Science Activities

A couple of volunteers have been asking about science activities that they could do with their unit. Here is a reminder of the Science from Your Sofa resources that we created [HERE](#). There are lots of activities for all linked to the programme. Badges are still available and can be located in the county shop [HERE](#).

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 [form here](#) – 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.

Email cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk if you are able to help.

REMINDERS

- Robin Hole Open Day – Saturday 28 Sept, 10.30am to 3.30pm**

Drop by on our open day to see all that the site has to offer and try your hand at some of the activities we have available, including archery and trails.

- Hand bells workshop – Thursday 17 Oct, 7.30pm @ the Trefoil Centre**

Come and have a go at using the county's hand bells. No experience needed. To book your place, please register [HERE](#).

- Skills for volunteers**

Have your say about the activities and skills you would like to learn. Take part in our quick survey, which can be found [HERE](#).

SKILLS & OPPORTUNITIES TRAINING

Trainings are available for booking 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
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

EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LINK
Saturday 28 September	Robin Hole open day	
Sunday 29 September	Crystal Maze activity day at Robin Hole for Guides & Rangers	Book here
17 October 7.30pm	Hand Bells Workshop	Book here



SNIPPETS

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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](#)