

County Handover Event

Louise & Anne are delighted to invite you to join them at the Girlguiding Leeds County Commissioner Handover Event taking place on **Friday 10 January 2025** at West Park Rugby Club, The Sycamores, Bramhope, Leeds, LS16 9JR.

Please look out for the official invitation which will be sent out later this week and will include full details of how to book.

Introducing FOGGL Junior

FOGGL Junior is a new offering in Leeds for county members who are over 18, with no upper age limit. If you've not heard of FOGGL before it's the 'Friends of Girlguiding Leeds'!

We are kicking off our first meet up on Sunday 26th January 2025 at Go Ape Temple Newsam.

The day will include Tree Top Adventure, covered space for lunch, litter picking around the grounds and, of course, a badge.

The cost is £45pp and we currently have 12 spaces available on this trip. We'd love to have members from all over the county there!

If you are interested in joining us, please email Clare at development@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

Inspire and Ignite

Girlguiding Leeds is thrilled to announce the launch of its new initiative, *Inspire & Ignite*, aimed at opening up a world of opportunities for its members. This exciting initiative is designed to empower members by providing them with the skills, experiences, and support they need to develop and grow. Through a series of workshops, mentorship programs, and hands-on experiences, members will have the chance to explore new interests, develop leadership skills, and build new Guiding connections.

Key features of Inspire & Ignite will include workshops and online sessions; hands-on experiences, mentorship and support; and flexible opportunities.

Inspire & Ignite is designed for all members of Girlguiding Leeds and there will be a session for everyone. Whether you're looking to learn new skills, make new friends, or simply have fun, Inspire & Ignite has something for you.

For more information and to get involved, email inspire@girlguidingleeds.org.uk and don't forget to follow @ggleeds on Instagram or our internal Facebook [page](#) for updates as well.

Young Member Enquiries Reminder

We have lots of enquirers sat in the not contacted list. If you have made contact with a parent please add a note onto GO with the date, and mark them as contacted.

If you have not had any response after 3 attempts using 3 different methods (e.g. email, text, phone call) over a period of one month – please say a ‘warm good bye’. We will make some example communications available via the county website shortly.

Girlguiding Leeds Newsletter

Would you like to see Girlguiding Leeds continue to produce a termly newsletter? Complete our quick [poll here](#).

Are you starting your Going Away With qualification?

Girlguiding are looking for current leaders who want to do their GAW and run their first residential who will pilot the new and updated scheme.

The new scheme will be hosted on the Girlguiding learning platform and involve a full self-directed learning package, as well as access to a whole library of support resources, forms and ideas from other leaders to help support you run your first residential.

The pilot will run from January to May/June 2025 and they are looking for qualified leaders whose planning matches well with those dates, and who are intending to run an indoor residential where you are providing your own catering.

If you are interested, speak to your Division commissioner for more details – the deadline for applications is **Friday 29 November**. Please note, there is no guarantee everyone who completes the form will be involved in the pilot.

Accounts – it’s that time again!

Now is the time to start getting your 2024 accounts up to date to allow them to be independently reviewed in January.

If you need any support, please contact your local commissioner or the county treasurer treasurer@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

We will also be offering accounts support sessions at the Trefoil Centre on:

- **Saturday 11 January**, 10am – 12.30pm
- **Saturday 8 March**, 10am – 12.30pm

Feel free to drop by and bring a plastic bag of paperwork (receipts, register, bank statements, etc). There will be people available to support you in completing your accounts.