

Planning the summer term

We may only be halfway through this term, but we thought it might be helpful to bring together some ideas for next term so that you have them to hand when you come to do your planning.

These are opportunities that you might want to offer to your units to see if your young members would like them to be included in the term. Hopefully we'll have some good weather so it will be a good opportunity to get outside.

- Think like a Leeds Rhino – Girlguiding Leeds challenge pack including activities around sport, the environment and the community.
 - [Think Like A Leeds Rhino - Challenge Badge](#)
- Out & about week – 9 to 15 June – use some activities from Think like a Leeds Rhino or any ideas you have to have a meeting outside or away from your usual meeting place.
- Region challenge badges – there are a few on offer so it's worth a look at the website for details.
 - [Challenges and Badges - Girlguiding North East England](#)
- Joint activity with another unit – could you join up with another local unit either from the same section or a different section for some games in an outdoor space? This could be a great opportunity for older girls to practice their leadership skills by running some activities and gives everyone a chance to meet some new people.
- An evening at Robin Hole – lots of units use Robin Hole for their weekends away but it's also a great place for a summer evening. There are places to light fires and plenty of space for games or you can borrow some equipment to do activities such as grass sledging, slack lining, night line, mini beast hunts, shelter building and archery (with one of our qualified instructors). You could also use it to complete activities from the Have Adventures skills builder.
 - [Robin Hole - Girlguiding Leeds](#)

Don't forget to complete a risk assessment for any adventurous activities or any trips away from your usual meeting place. You can download the appropriate template from the Girlguiding website.

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Resource Library Loans

We are excited to be introducing a new resource library loans system.

At the Trefoil Centre we have lots of resources available for units and volunteers to borrow, including our Adventures in a Box, recruitment boxes and badge machines. We are hoping the new loans system will make it easier for you to see what we have to borrow, see when items are available, and make a loan reservation.

You can visit the library to see what resources we have but will need to register with us to be able to reserve them. It's easy to do, just drop us an email at resources@girlguidingleeds.org.uk and ask to register.

Recruitment resources are free to borrow, there is a small charge of £2.50 for most other items and £5.00 for the larger or more valuable items.

This is new and although we have tested it there may be a few issues along the way, so please bear with us!

You can find out more and access the library from our website here:

<https://girlguidingleeds.org.uk/member-resources/activities-resources/equipment-hire/>

Many thanks to Ellie and Emily for helping set it up, and to the Growth Team for testing it for us.

Trustee vacancies

We currently have two vacancies on our trustee group which we are keen to fill. One is for a property trustee who will also chair our property committee which has responsibility for the management and maintenance of the Trefoil Centre and Robin Hole. The other is for a health & safety trustee who will bring expertise in at least some relevant areas of health and safety.

The trustees collectively support and challenge volunteers and staff to make good decisions in the interests of Girlguiding Leeds as a charity. The roles involve attending five meetings a year as well as the annual development day. In addition, there will be documents to review and decisions to be made between meetings as needed. Being a trustee is an opportunity to support Girlguiding in a different way and gain a new set of skills.

We are sure that there are leaders, unit helpers or parents out there that have the knowledge we need so it would be great if you could share this opportunity with your contacts. Anyone interested can find out further information and how to apply from our website:

[Current County Vacancies - Girlguiding Leeds](#)

National vacancy – Girlguiding Council

Applications are open to join the Girlguiding council and there is a vacancy for one new representative from North East England.

The council is a crucial part of Girlguiding ensuring that members' voices are heard and are at the heart of our organisation. Membership is open to those aged 14+. The full application pack and more information can be found by following the link below.

Applications close on 4 April.

[Region volunteer vacancies – Girlguiding North East England](#)