



Girlguiding Hertfordshire Youth Opportunities

Adult Leaders and Coordinators: Please read this newsletter and share this with members aged 13+, including leaders, Rangers, Young Leaders and older Guides. This will help us ensure that everyone understands the opportunities available and knows who to contact to find out more.

The Girlguiding Hertfordshire Youth Opportunities team is here to support those members aged 13+ but in addition we also support the leaders of these girls. This edition of our newsletter is focussing on the area of International Guiding. They are an amazing resource to any adult leader or young member. Whilst we may not be able to travel far at the moment, there are still plenty of opportunities to celebrate our Worldwide Guiding family. The International Team are planning a special event for all sections to celebrate with them when we are able to meet safely again so please look out for opportunities for yourself and for your units. Details will be shared via the monthly Newsletter and on the county website when everything is clear.

WAGGGS The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is the family that unites all the branches of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting around the world. You might have visited the World Bureau situated next to Pax Lodge in London, or participated in one of their international resources - Thinking Day Activity Packs or campaigns like action against childhood poverty or voices against violence within your unit. There are always lots of opportunities and useful resources available on their website. Whether you are looking for something for you to do; an adventure or badge or something to share with a unit, please keep an eye on their website <https://www.wagggs.org/>



Friends of the World Centres FOWC's <https://www.wagggs.org/en/support-us/friends-and-supporter-groups/>

There are 5 World Centres and each of them has a Friends group. See the link for how you can become involved and learn more about our amazing houses that every member of Girlguiding UK can visit.

Want to learn more? See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZYiEl9Qs0>

Just like we are missing world travel adventures, our World Centres are also missing us as visitors over the COVID Pandemic. The teams working at these centres (voluntary and paid) have, during the initial lockdown, put together virtual tours that can be viewed to get a taste of the adventure whilst in your own home. Take a look and be inspired about where you might like to travel in the future.

Sangam <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kNX3MbttCc>
 Our Cabana <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9B7sq8SsSrg>
 Our Chalet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8zs8zVG0mg>
 Pax Lodge https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqBu_n902S4
 Kusafiri <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSWLcMwEHC0>



All the Girlguiding UK sections have activities, crafts, games on worldwide Guiding - which is your favourite? Have you considered doing your Commonwealth award? This is a badge aimed, cross sectionally through Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders. You can do this badge on your own or with your friends and has many options for you to choose from, linking your personal interests into an award. Take a look at the syllabus here <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/globalassets/docs-and-resources/programme-and-activities/commonwealth-award-resource2.pdf>

and if you need any help, see the bottom of this newsletter and ask for help from Catherine

Hertfordshire's Thinking Day Challenge Badge



To celebrate Thinking Day this year we are launching a challenge badge for all Girlguiding Hertfordshire members to take part in:

You can complete the Thinking Day Challenge Badge whenever fits for your unit or yourself - Just make sure that you order any badges before Sunday 7 March. See

<http://www.girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk/.../activities/> for the full challenge pack. Please also note that there will also be a virtual Promise renewal to take part in, on Sunday 21 February 2021 at 4pm. This is at the end the half term break.

The theme for the badge is 'Unity', consisting of four themes: Myself, My Unit, My Community, All Herts Together. Whilst we aren't able to meet up face-to-face due to the current restrictions we hope that you enjoy taking part in this challenge badge virtually.

GOLD

As part of Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD), members of Girlguiding, aged 18 to 30, travel thousands of miles to make a difference in communities across the world. Previous participants have run workshops with girls in Zambia to achieve their career aspirations, tackled violence against women and girls in Malawi, grown youth membership in Aruba and taken peer education to Peru.

To be part of this amazing opportunity, the Go for Gold selection weekend is the first step on the ladder. Find out more about GOLD and apply for the Go for Gold selection weekend on the [Girlguiding website](#). All international selection has been delayed due to COVID restrictions and in particular the insurance for trips. Whilst this is frustrating, it means that we all have space to really identify what we'd like to do when it is safe to do so again.

Our next edition, this time with an Outdoor theme is due out in the summer of 2021 Please send your ideas and articles to Catherine Farman, Hertfordshire Youth Opportunities Adviser via email to youthops@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

In 2017 a group of Hertfordshire Guides and Rangers travelled to IGGNITE, an international camp held in Rockwell College, Ireland which was led by our very own Youth Opportunities Adviser.

Octagon is Irish Girl Guides International Camp which will be held in 2021 virtually (and potentially at local level depending on public health restrictions). Due to the global pandemic caused by COVID, the camp which was originally to be held in Clongowes Woods, in Clane, Co. Kildare has been adapted so that Octagon 2021 will happen in a variety of places in a variety of ways. The camp will be a three day event beginning on the **Saturday of the August Bank Holiday 31 July 2021 until the Monday evening 2 August** and will see over 2000 members of IGG and our international friends "camping" at home or locally, connected together via a programme of events and activities. We know that no one can predict what the global situation will be like for the summer of 2021, but we know our Irish Girl Guides spirit will enable us to find ways to join together - from our homes, from our campsites, from across the world. Octagon 2021 is open to members of all ages and our international sisters in Guiding and Girl Scouts!



Want to join in or learn more about this opportunity see

<https://www.irishgirlguides.ie/octagon21/#:~:text=OCTAGON%2021,-Bookmark%20This%20Page&text=Octagon%20is%20IGG's%20International%20Camp,Woods%2C%20in%20Clane%2C%20Co.>

We always try to share with you, games and activities that are recommended to use with units, either as a leader or a participant. The International theme for this bulletin has made narrowing some down very difficult and space has been tight too so instead we've found a useful website for you to use as a resource. https://www.guidesontario.org/web/ON/GirlProgram/Program_Tools/International_Games.aspx?WebsiteKey=318eeeb7-c427-43af-9d49-966db40f550a