



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Hampshire East County





So you would
like to join
us?





This presentation is designed to tell you what is involved in being an adult member of Girlguiding. Please feel free to ask questions.



- Girlguiding
- Leaders and other roles
- What next – how to join
- Useful sources of information





Girlguiding

**We are the largest voluntary youth organisation
in the UK.**

**We are the largest voluntary organisation for
girls and women in the world.**



Aim of Guiding

The aim of guiding is to help girls and young women develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually, so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.





Key information

* Commitment to the principles embodied in the Promise and Law

* Membership open to all girls and women, provided they are able to understand, and willing to make or work towards making, the Promise

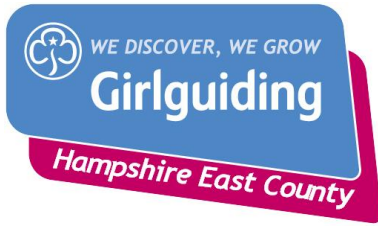
* Voluntary

* Independent of government and political associations

* Self-governing



We are.....



- * An educational organisation for girl and young women
- * A charity created by Royal Charter
- * Modern and forward thinking – we are Guiding in the 21st century
- * Committed to girl taking the lead in programme planning



What we are not

- * **We are not a religious or faith organisation**
- * **We do not require affiliation to any faith or church**
- * **Attendance at any religious gathering is voluntary for everyone**



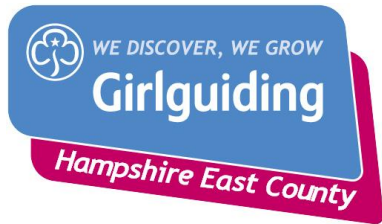
The Guiding Method

Learning by doing – Guiding uses a distinct method:

- **Guides work in small groups**
- **Guides are encouraged to govern themselves and make their own decisions**
- **Guides have a balanced and varied programme**
- **Guides care for the individual**
- **Guides share a commitment to a common standard embodied in the Promise and Law**

The same principles apply in all sections and in all age ranges.





Structure

The Units

The District (a few area have districts)

The Division

The County – Girlguiding Hampshire East

**The Region – Girlguiding South West
England**

Girlguiding





Members

Rainbows – start at 5

Brownies – start at 7

Guides – start at 10

Senior Section – 14-26th birthday

Young Leaders – 14-18th birthday

Adult members – over 18

Trefoil Guild – over 18





Adult Members

Leaders – must be members

Unit Helpers – must be members

Supporters – members not active in a Unit

Recognised volunteers - may be members if they choose



Skills needed?

You need to enjoy working alongside girls and young women

You need to be able to get on with other adult volunteers

You need energy, enthusiasm, a positive outlook, a big heart and an even bigger sense of humour





Responsibilities of an adult leader

Support the aims of Guiding, and comply with its rules and policies and be a trustees of their unit

Complete the recruitment process

Make or renew the Guide Promise

Complete the Leadership Qualification

Run regular meetings

Use the current section programme and the appropriate decision-making process for the age group



Ensure records are kept

Use the GO/join us systems to register young members

Keep up-to-date with current practice

Attend local leader meetings, whenever possible, and at least one training event per year

Read Guiding magazine

Wear appropriate Guider wear



The Leadership Qualification

Competence-based qualification

Learning by doing

It requires evidence to be kept – most of which occurs naturally while running a unit

New leaders need to attend a group mentoring session

New leaders should attend a Leadership Day training

Support of your local mentor team

This qualification can be started at any time even if you feel its not for you at this moment in time.



LQ Modules

- 1. Your role in the Programme**
 - 2. Your role in Girlguiding**
 - 3. Your role in safety and unit administration**
 - 4. Your role in managing the unit**
- Everyone must do Modules 1,2 and 3.**
- We encourage everyone to do Module 4.**





Guide wear

It's your choice – from a range of clothing available from Girlguiding Trading Service.

You should wear Guide clothing appropriate to the activity or event



What next?

Provide two referees

Complete a Criminal Records Bureau check

Join a unit

Be registered to do the Leadership Qualification

Book into Leadership and 1st Response trainings

Attend your first group mentoring session





Useful websites

- Girlguiding - www.girlguiding.org.uk
- South West Region - www.girlguidingsouthwest.org.uk
- Hants East County - www.girlguidinghantseast.org.uk





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