



The Story Bank themes

The Story Bank has been designed around six broad themes which will help to structure your thoughts on submitting a story. Although there is no word limit on any story, you may find it easier to submit several stories under different themes, time periods or events rather than one long story. This will also make it easier for users of the site to search, read and enjoy the stories you submit.

The 6 themes are:

BEGINNINGS

The Beginnings theme focuses on the start of guiding and the programme in the early years, highlighting its relevance to girls of that time and how guiding grew into a worldwide movement. Stories under this theme may be about the history and growth of guiding in your area, or the memories of the first Guides, Brownies or Rainbows you encountered.

HERE AND NOW

The Here and Now theme showcases guiding today. Here and Now themed stories may look at current national projects as well as the programme and events like the BIG GIG. A story may explain what you do in weekly meetings, what you are doing to celebrate the Centenary, what the girls love most about being a member, or maybe their hopes for the future.

FLYING HIGH

Flying High looks at guiding's many achievements - highlighting some guiding firsts and celebrating our best moments. Adding a story to this theme is an opportunity to shout out about all the great successes that members have had over the years.





CHALLENGES

Any organisation that's been around for a hundred years will have been through its fair share of low points, as well as the highs, and guiding is no exception. The Challenges theme acknowledges those points and how we overcame them to still be here today. Stories under the Challenges theme may look at changes in the programme, guiding during the war years (including units in concentration camps), as well as the problems we still have with stereotypes. There could also be stories that correct some common myths and shows that we are an organisation capable of change.

CHANGING WORLDS

The Changing Worlds theme looks at the effect guiding has had on both individuals and wider world issues. It will look at guiding's role during World War II, as well as our work in the community and the ways in which guiding has had an impact on the lives of it's members. Stories in this theme could focus on members' personal stories, looking at how guiding has changed the lives of people in their communities.

ADVENTURES

The Adventures theme is about the wonderful camps and adventure activities that have always been a part of the Girlguiding UK programme. It will highlight that guiding has always been relevant to today's (or the day's) girl and tell some of those stories - from the first World Camp to the Guides who did their pilot's badge.