



Girlguiding



Young volunteers

It's time for you
to take the lead



Welcome to Girlguiding. We're the UK's largest youth organisation dedicated completely to girls. We're so pleased that you have chosen to volunteer with us to help you complete your award.

Getting started

Award you're working on:.....

Time period:

Who will support you?

Unit leader:

Local commissioner:

Setting a goal

When you start, take some time to have a chat with another volunteer in the unit about what you will do while volunteering with us.

In my first term I would like to...

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Knowing your unit

Now you know what you'd like to do – let's get going!

Work with the unit leader and other volunteers to find out important information about your unit.

- ☐ Meet the other volunteers in the unit.
- ☐ Share any additional needs you have with the unit leaders so they can support you.
- ☐ Be introduced to the girls in the unit.
- ☐ Find out about any additional needs that girls in the unit have, and how you can support them.
- ☐ Get to know your unit meeting place. For example, where the toilets are, how to set up the tables or where to find stationery and other equipment.
- ☐ Discover the structure of the unit meetings and how they start and finish.

Creating safe spaces

It's really important to make sure that you're able to lead in a safe way for yourself and others. At Girlguiding we do this by completing safeguarding training and making sure our information is up to date on the online membership system – GO.

- ☐ Work with your parent/carer to complete the new starter form for 14-17 year olds, including your own email address.
- ☐ Follow the steps in the **'creating a log-in'** email to log into GO.
- ☐ Look at the **'my profile'** area and update any missing information.
- ☐ Find out what to do in an emergency, including fire evacuation procedures and where the first aid kit is kept.
- ☐ Complete A Safe Space for 14-17 year olds. You can do this either through the e-learning on the learning platform or attend an in person training.

A safe space training completed on:.....

If you get stuck – check out the **how to use GO** or the **how to use the learning platform** webpages on the Girlguiding website or email **membershipsystems@girlguiding.org.uk** for help.

Running activities

Now it's time to get stuck in working with the girls in your unit.

- ☐ Join in games with the girls in the unit.
- ☐ Work with small groups of girls to help them complete activities.
- ☐ Lead a game with a small group or the whole unit.
- ☐ With support, take the lead on delivering a unit meeting activity with a small group or the whole unit.

You can find out more about **our programme** on the Girlguiding website or by completing the programme e-learning on the learning platform



Reflecting on your journey

Now that you have discovered all about your unit and how you can help, let's take a look back over at what you've done.

Chat with another volunteer in the unit, you can use the questions below to help.

- ★ What has gone well?
- ★ Is there anything that you find challenging that your unit leaders can support you on?
- ★ What key things have you learnt?
- ★ What are you most excited by for the rest of your time volunteering with us?

You can use these reflection questions as part of a mid-role check-in or at the end of your time volunteering with us.

Well done for taking the lead

You have completed your welcome and induction!
You're a superstar.

We're so happy you're volunteering with us!

Wondering what to do next?

Why not discover and explore empowering leadership by taking on the **young leader development programme**.

Find it on the Girlguiding website.

