

GIRLGUIDING IS CHANGING

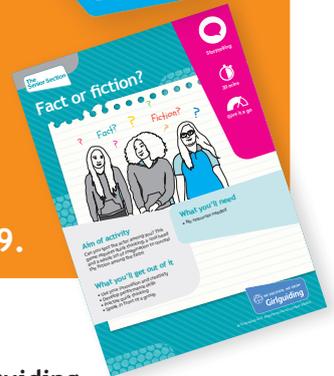
Our new programme of activities



After more than three years of consultation, development and testing, we're revealing our new programme of activities.

The changes to our programme are the biggest Girlguiding has seen for decades, so it's a very exciting time for your daughter to be part of our charity!

Over the next year all Girlguiding units will have the chance to explore new badges, activities and awards and also finish off anything they're currently working towards, before the new programme fully launches in 2019.



Why has our programme changed?

Our revolutionised programme represents the biggest ever overhaul of what girls do in Girlguiding. It comes following consultation with girls, parents and volunteers in 2015, when they told us they wanted to see a programme that:

- Is as challenging, exciting and appealing for the oldest girls in each section as it is for youngest.
- Is modern and relevant for girls today and will give them opportunities to gain skills for life.
- Demonstrates a clear development journey through Girlguiding, with a structure that gives girls more choice about what they do.
- Offers a variety of activities and experiences, from adventure, to personal development, technical skills and making a difference in their local area.

How is the new programme different?

The key differences are:

- **Six themes** that run through our entire programme for every age group, to bring consistency and continuity to each girl's guiding journey.
- **New badges and awards** that give girls the opportunity to develop key skills during their unit meetings and in their own time.
- **New, modern and exciting programme materials** such as section handbooks and record books to support each girl with her journey through guiding.
- **The Senior Section for girls and young women aged 14-25, will be replaced by a new section called Rangers** for young women aged 14-18 from the beginning of 2019-20 academic year. This follows consultation with members who told us the age range for The Senior Section was too broad.
- **There'll still be lots of opportunities for women over 18**, and we'll be working with Girlguiding members to develop and add to these over the next year.

For girls aged 5-18 (4 in Northern Ireland), we'll still have:

- Our Promise
- Badges, awards and qualifications
- Additional activities such as trips and events
- The same unit leadership teams
- The same uniforms for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and leaders. Rangers will have a new uniform which we're aiming to make available from autumn 2018.
- Unit meetings and 'Subs' - there shouldn't be a significant change in costs or arrangements for your daughter's unit meeting, but your unit leader will let you know if any changes apply for your daughter's unit.

SEE WHAT THE NEW PROGRAMME LOOKS LIKE



WHAT DOES the new programme look like?



Our new programme will offer balanced and varied activities across six themes.



Know Myself



Express Myself



Be Well



Have Adventures



Take Action



Skills For My Future

Within each theme there are a number of activities girls can do, which are divided up into three main elements and are the same for every section:



Skills builder badges

can be worked on in your daughter's unit meetings to help her develop core abilities for the modern world.



Interest badges

are designed to be completed independently outside of the unit meeting to give girls the chance to explore their own interests. There will be things for your daughter to try at home, so any support you can give her with these activities will help her to progress through the programme.



5 HRS

Unit meeting activities

will be managed by your daughter's unit leader in her regular meetings. There are a wide range of activities to explore on an array of exciting topics, which have been tested with more than 11,000 girls to make sure they're girl-led.



Theme award

If your daughter completes the minimum number of each of these three elements (shown in each handbook) she'll earn her Theme award. There are six Theme awards, one for each theme.

Once she has earned each Theme award she can work towards achieving her Gold award - the top award a girl can achieve in her age group.

What will happen for young women over 18?

Young women aged 19 to 25 will still be able to take part in The Senior Section programme and activities until end of the 2018-19 academic year. They can also start to explore all the other exciting opportunities available to them on our website. Our offer for young women aged 18 to 30 will evolve over the coming year to make sure every member can continue to have fun, develop their skills and enjoy amazing experiences on their journey through guiding.



For more information about the opportunities available to your daughter if she is aged 18-30 please visit: girlguiding.org.uk/chooseyourpath