

HANDOUT FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN THE SENIOR SECTION AND GUIDES, AND THEIR LEADERS



We're going on a journey

We're transforming Girlguiding, and that includes The Senior Section

The future is bright

We're so proud of everyone involved in The Senior Section – you're the future of Girlguiding and we want to make sure you're having experiences that reflect your lives now.

You told us...

Since 2014, we've been speaking to thousands of girls and volunteers across the country to find out what you want and need from Girlguiding. You told us that our programme – the structure for all the activities girls benefit from, in your units and their own time – needs to evolve to better equip you to succeed today and in tomorrow's changing world.

What about The Senior Section?

We also asked girls and young women what they thought of The Senior Section and the other opportunities available to you through Girlguiding. You told us that you wanted more adventure, qualifications and support moving into leadership roles – and that it was time to give The Senior Section a refresh. So over the next three years, we'll be making some changes.



14 to 18

In the future, girls will be able to grow with us on a clear route, from Rainbows right up to our new 'Senior Section'. This will be a new youth programme for 14- to 18-year-old members, with a new section name and look that girls will help us design.

18+

Once girls are over 18 they will no longer attend section meetings. Instead, we'll support our older members to take on challenges that help them become the women they want to be, such as Peer Education, the Queen's Guide Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and international opportunities like Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD). We'll also see them step into unit leadership roles, helping us to inspire the next generation of girls.

What happens next?

These changes will take three years to complete. For now, members of The Senior Section who are over 18 are welcome to stay with their sections or to take on leadership roles as they wish. We'll make sure all the exciting opportunities for members over 18 are easy to find before our journey is complete in 2019.

Get in touch

Visit girlguiding.org.uk/ourjourney for the latest information and to find out how you can get involved. And make sure your details are up to date on Go! to get all the latest news.

