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Volunteer role description

RESIDENTIAL OCCASIONAL HELPER (UNIT)

Would you like to help out on residential trips with girls and young women, while developing your skills and making new friends? Volunteering with Girlguiding could be for you!

Role title:.....

Supported by:.....

Suggested time commitment:.....

Length of time in role:

Location:.....

If you are interested in this role:.....

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. Thanks to the dedication and support of 100,000 amazing volunteers, we are active in every part of the UK, giving girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities.

Our incredible volunteers contribute more than ten million hours to guiding every year. Some give us a couple of hours here and there - helping out with driving for trips and holidays, fundraising and events planning, or even doing the annual accounts for local groups. Others give their time as leaders or Assistant leaders for units, providing girls and young women with a space where they can be themselves. Whatever your skills and interests, and no matter how much time you have to spare, one of our volunteering roles is bound to suit you.

‘As well as giving the girls amazing opportunities, I feel I’ve also personally benefited from volunteering. It’s really rewarding for me and I feel I’ve achieved something great.’

Lisa, Girlguiding volunteer

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Who can do this role?

Any adult aged 18 or over can be a Residential occasional helper.

Do I need a qualification?

Residential Occasional Helpers do not require a specific Girlguiding qualification. They do not need to become Girlguiding members, but are recorded on GO (our online database) attached to a unit.

What is the purpose of this role?

To help give girls opportunities for fun, friendship, challenge and adventure! Residential occasional helpers work with other volunteers to enable girls and young women to take part in residential Girlguiding activities that include an overnight stay, while ensuring the safety of the unit members.

Residential occasional helpers assist the volunteer team in charge of the event (which could include members of various Unit leadership teams) in running residential trips with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

You will be supported by at least one Unit leader, Assistant leaders, Young leaders and other Unit helpers and Occasional helpers.

Residential occasional helpers will have opportunities for 'on-the-job' learning and development.

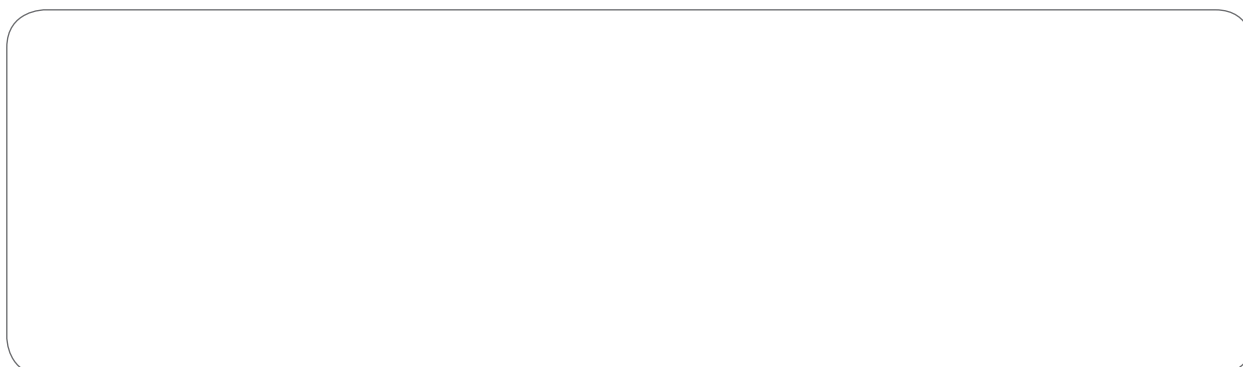
What will I do in the role?

Running the unit

By the nature of the role, Residential occasional helpers will join other volunteers on an infrequent basis, for specific residential events when more adult presence is required.

The responsibilities below will be shared between the volunteer team in charge of the event. As a Residential occasional helper you will work with others within the volunteer team to make the most of the skills and time you are able to give.

- Provide a girl-only safe space where girls and young women can discover their full potential.
- Provide support and supervision, with other volunteers, to members of the residential and the volunteer team.
- Take a specific role within the residential team, while delivering an accessible and inclusive programme, based on the Girlguiding programme for that section.
- Encourage and support the members of the group in making decisions within the context of the residential and planning its activities.
- Develop and maintain clear communications with the event coordinator and other members of the volunteer team.
- Be willing to participate in any relevant 'on the job' training for the role.
- Comply with current Girlguiding policies and regulations.



Being part of your local guiding area

- Be part of a local Girlguiding community, maintaining a good relationship with other volunteers.

Being part of Girlguiding

- Learn about Girlguiding's policies and Code of Conduct.
- Be an ambassador for the values of Girlguiding.

Promoting Girlguiding

- Act as an approachable and responsible point of contact for parents and carers.
- Promote a positive image of Girlguiding at public events and while taking part in activities outside the meeting place.

What will Girlguiding do for me?

- Provide a thorough and appropriate induction to the role and organisation.
- Help to develop skills and abilities to perform the role by providing 'on-the-job' training opportunities.
- Provide guidance via *The Guiding Manual*.
- Provide support and development from fellow volunteers, including a local commissioner and Girlguiding advisers.
- Host meetings and events to share information at a local level.
- Reimburse agreed expenses (agreed locally and may differ around the UK).
- Provide references.
- Provide a clear complaints procedure and support to resolve problems or disagreements.

Am I right for the role?

Residential occasional helpers are key in supporting girls and young women to experience how great Girlguiding can be. While we can offer you support in your role we would expect you to possess the personal qualities outlined below.

Personal qualities

- An open and approachable manner.
- Reliable and trustworthy.
- Creative and enthusiastic.
- Fun-loving.
- A sense of humour.
- Enjoys working with young people.

Girlguiding welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, faiths and abilities. We are flexible, and volunteering can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle.

As this role works directly with young people on residential events, you will be required to complete a criminal record disclosure check, carried out by a local verifier.

Please note this is a volunteer role; this role description does not form part of any contract of employment.