



Volunteer role information

Young external volunteers and young leaders

Why Girlguiding?

Become an inspiring role model for our members and help empower girls to be their best. Join the 100,000 amazing volunteers and supporters who make a real difference to nearly half a million girls and young women.

At the heart of guiding are our unit meetings which girls go along to each week. When you volunteer at them prepare to have fun, get messy, meet great people and run activities that help our members discover their potential.

You can choose to work with girls in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers, and you'll be volunteering directly with them. Unit meetings are usually an hour to an hour and a half once a week.

Why we love these roles:

You'll join a Rainbow, Brownie, or Guide unit team developing your skills in leadership, communication and team working - all of which make impressive additions to any CV.

You'll go to unit meetings with other volunteers often, where you'll plan and run activities based on the [Girlguiding programme](#) which encourages girls to discover their full potential, use their voices and have fun.

As a young leader, you'll also have the option to complete your Young Leader qualification as long as you are aged 14-18 and eligible to become a member.

As a young external volunteer you'll need to be aged 13 to 18 to hold this role, and you should be part of an external volunteering scheme such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Some of what you'll do:

For more information about being a young leader search 'young leader' on the Girlguiding website.

- You'll join a leadership team to support the planning and delivery of accessible and inclusive activities, based on the [Girlguiding programme](#) or the chosen young leader pathway
- Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Girlguiding, so you'll help provide a safe girl-only space, where every girl and young woman can take part
- You'll be communicating with parents, carers and other volunteers

There'll be training and learning for the role, and you must follow Girlguiding policies.

What training and support do you get?

Support to complete your [Young Leader qualification](#) can be found on the Girlguiding website. Search 'young leader qualification'.

- We'll give you a thorough induction to your role and to Girlguiding

- You'll have lots of training opportunities - including e-learning, face to face training and live online classrooms that you can do from home
- You'll have a great support network from your fellow volunteers, including a local commissioner and Girlguiding advisers
- And there'll be regular meetings and events to share information
- We reimburse agreed expenses (agreed locally, so these may differ around the UK)
- Girlguiding has a clear complaints procedure and support to help sort out problems or disagreements

Our Girlguiding website is full of information to help you in your role.

What skills and attributes do you need?

- ✓ **Passion**
For helping girls and young women reach their potential.
- ✓ **Communication skills**
Both with members and other volunteers.
- ✓ **Willingness**
To have fun and get involved with or lead activities.

A week in the life of a young leader...

Lily, on a week in her life as a Rainbow young leader:

As a young Rainbow leader, I would definitely recommend volunteering within the Girlguiding community. It's a fantastic opportunity to gain skills and give back to your local area.

Firstly, before a meeting, I discuss the plan for that evening with my leader. The meeting usually involves the Rainbows undertaking an activity for a badge the group are working towards. This could be a craft, cooking, games or team activities. Once the Rainbows start to arrive, I get stuck in straight away - this is my favourite part! I really enjoy having fun with the girls at the beginning; their personalities really shine through! I love getting to know them all, helping them develop new skills and watching them grow on the start of their Girlguiding journey. After registration, the girls split up into smaller groups and a senior leader is paired with a young leader for the activities. This means you're comfortable with the amount of responsibility you have. During the activities you really get to know the girls on an individual level. After a quick tidy at the end, I always go home looking forward to the next meeting.

Quick requirement check

1. Disclosure check: n/a
2. A Safe Space Level: 1 and 2
3. Attends meetings: yes

We're keen to hear from volunteers of all backgrounds, abilities, races, sexual orientations, socio-economic backgrounds, and of all faiths and none. We're flexible, and volunteering can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle. Girlguiding is committed to making reasonable adjustments to support disabled volunteers so they have access to the same opportunities and experiences as non-disabled volunteers.

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