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Girlguiding

North Yorkshire North East

FIRST FRIDAY

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Welcome to the September edition of the First Friday Flyer, it is hard to believe that this is our tenth edition. We hope you do find the monthly update informative and useful although I appreciate currently it is probably difficult to assess how useful it is, particularly as there is so little going on but please let us have any comments.

As we start the new academic year it is so strange not to be busy planning what we are going to do in unit meetings this term and ideas for the whole year. Hopefully there may be some news from Girlguiding in the next few weeks about meeting indoors. In the meantime, leaders should not be stressing about this – you only have to look on Facebook about all the leaders worrying about various things and the what ifs but I believe until we have guidance from headquarters there is not much we can do. It is then going to be individual units' choice when they feel able to meet back face to face, all our circumstances are different, as are the meeting places we use and no one is going to be judged on what they decide to do. In the meantime, if you are able to keep in touch with the girls either by email, outdoor meetings or zoom meetings then that is great, if you are unable to do this then please do not worry. Undoubtedly we will initially lose girls and leaders as people re-evaluate their lives but equally as people re-evaluate they may actually decide volunteering with young people is something they would like to do. Time will tell but let's be positive.

Our spotlight this month is myself! I have managed to avoid this for ten months but due to my omission to ask someone else, I feel I have no choice. Thinking about what to write, made me realise how much things have changed over the years. When I started out there were no risk assessments, apart from using your common sense and safe space was unheard of. I am sure there are many leaders out there with stories of how they got to camp which would be unthinkable these days but no girls came to any harm!

Yours in Guiding

Rachel

County Commissioner

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Trainings

1st Response Renewal: Saturday 12th September, 10am

A two hour session using Zoom for those whose qualification has already expired.

There is still a small practical element which takes about 15 minutes. Opportunities to do this will be offered across the county and you will get further information once you have completed the virtual session.

Priority will be given to those whose 1st response would have expired from March onwards without the automatic extension until September 30th, with more sessions due to be offered to meet the needs of those whose qualifications expire this autumn. Please email admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk for more details and to reserve your place.

We have made the decision to postpone county leaders' day until Sunday 7 March 2021 at Lady Lumley's school, Pickering. We have trainers booked, so pencil the date in your diary and let's hope we can have a fantastic face to face training day. Look out for more information.

Going Away With... training will be provided as a virtual training in October, please email admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk for further details.

The website and social media pages will be updated regularly with information.

<http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk/news/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GirlguidingNYNE/>

Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East Virtual Escapades



Sadly we have had a very poor response to Virtual Escapades. We fully appreciate these are very unprecedented times but we are trying to do something to keep interest alive.

We have decided to keep the competition for the camp/holiday window open until the end of September so please send it out to parents again. If you are having a zoom meeting, meeting outdoors or find you can meet indoors before the end of the month, why not do elements of the window in the unit meeting and encourage girls to do the other bits at home? Badges can be ordered by a leader for the whole unit. The badges are really cheap (50p each) as the aim was not to make any money but to try and keep interest alive so they are much cheaper

than some of the other challenge badges you may be considering. The bonfire night window will be the next window to be available so please look out for that in due course. The badge runs until 2021 which means most windows can be offered twice and as we do not know when residential can happen again this could help fill the gap. Also if you have girls on the waiting list, why not send them the details as this is something they can do while they are waiting to join our unit and it will start to ignite their enthusiasm – nothing like having some badges before you have even started!

<https://www.facebook.com/Virtual-Escapades-NYNE-107827974322951/>

Return to guiding

Keep an eye on the website and also emails that come out with all the up-to-date information, <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/coronavirus-keeping-safe/starting-to-meet-in-person-again/>.

Peer Education Co-ordinator

We are looking for a Peer Education Co-ordinator to promote and support peer education in our area, organising appropriate training and coordinating relevant administrative processes in order to support the smooth running of the programme. You should be enthusiastic about how girls and young women can benefit from delivering and participating in peer education, and enjoy inspiring young members to become part of it.

Girlguiding's peer education programme, empowers 14- to 25-year-old members to deliver activity based sessions to Brownies, Guides and The Senior Section on topics which are important to their lives. These sessions are informative, fun and interactive, providing young members with the space to explore subjects in a safe, girl-led environment.

Think you might be interested? For more details about what the role involves, please see <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/programme-and-activities/peer-education/become-a-peer-education-coordinator/>

Please get in touch via admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk if you'd be interested in the role.

Spotlight on...Rachel Lamond, County Commissioner



My Guiding life started as a very shy Brownie aged seven at 1st Keele Brownies in Staffordshire. We moved to Shropshire when I was nine and I joined a Brownie unit at school. I joined a Guide unit in a village near where I lived as that was where my best friend went. The unit was run by two 17 year olds and it was thanks to their enthusiasm that I completed my Queens Guide Award. As they were not officially adult leaders, we could not make our promise to them so the local district commissioner came to do the promise ceremonies. She had the scary title of the Honorable Lady Jane Heber Percy and lived on a huge estate in the village. I will never forget making my promise to her and years later completing my camp licence in the grounds of her estate. She is currently County President for Girlguiding Shropshire. After leaving Guides, I intended to join Rangers but the unit folded.

Instead I was asked to be a young leader in the Guide unit in the town I lived in. I had never considered being a young leader until that point but never regretted it for a minute and continued on to be an adult leader. After getting married, we moved around the country a bit and Guiding was always a great way to get to know people in a new area. I always said I would never be a commissioner but the rest is history as they say! Having now had various roles in district, division, county and region, I would recommend these opportunities to everyone. Whatever the role, they give you chance to build on your own personal skills and also more importantly, give you chance to shape Girlguiding and offer amazing opportunities to girls and young women, beyond the girls in your own unit, which is incredibly satisfying. Never in my wildest dreams as that shy 7 year old Brownie did I imagine I would one day have the role of county commissioner.

Safe Space Training

Girlguiding are beginning to contact members who are not currently compliant with their Safe Space training. This may be a good time for unit leaders to check all the volunteers registered with their unit, if they no longer help you then it is worth removing them and if they do help then you need to encourage them to complete the training to prevent them potentially having their membership withdrawn.

Safe Space Level 1

https://training.girlguiding.org.uk/a-safe-space-module-1/?_ga=2.20777656.1446745953.1580679370-1071633433.1534847874#/menu/5c0fa48062cb836f2d73dc79

Safe Space Level 2

<https://training.girlguiding.org.uk/a-safe-space-module-2/#/menu/5c1b888888f2971c5fe4d881>

The following trainings are available from Region, please follow the links below to book a space.

Level 3

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-3-tickets-117532198971?dm_i=4W2E,DRV5,1B010T,1LNZV,1

Level 4

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-4-tickets-117429445633?dm_i=4W2E,DRV5,1B010T,1LNZV,1

Not sure which level you need? See below, but you are all welcome to do the level above the one required for your role.

Level 1

For all volunteers including occasional helpers, GO coordinators, home contacts, peer educators and young leaders.

Level 2

For leaders, assistant leaders, unit helpers, leaders in training, young leaders, peer educators, those attending residential events and those that are doing level 3 and 4.

Level 3

For anyone leading a team of adults, at least one leader per unit (leader, assistant leader, leader in training), mentors, advisers, coordinators (except GO coordinators), licence holders on residential, trainers, tutors and those doing level 4.

Level 4

For all commissioners, designates, deputies and those sharing a role, trainers delivering A Safe Space Level 4, safeguarding leads and A Safe Space advisers.

GDPR

General GDPR information:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/membership-administration/gdpr/

Photos: www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/membership-administration/gdpr/photography-hints-and-tips-for-counties-divisions-and-districts/

Using emails - the difference between marketing and service messages:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/policies/girlguiding-policies/managing-information-policy/managing-information-procedure/

And if you want a general refresher, here is the e-learning:

www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/membership-administration/gdpr/keeping-info-safe-training/



Short Story and Poetry Competition September 2020

The Scout County Creative Activities Team is looking to run a different "creative" competition each month. For September we are looking for short stories or poems told from your perspective.

The competition is open to everyone involved in Scouting and Guiding in the County of North Yorkshire (from Beavers and Rainbows through to adults). We will put all the best entries in an electronic anthology and there will be prizes for the top entries in each section

The theme of the competition is "**FREEDOM**"

We take our freedom for granted, but what would you do if you suddenly found that your freedom had been taken away?

Or What would you do if, you found after a long time of not being allowed to do what you wanted, go where you wanted, to say or even think whatever you wanted, *you were suddenly free to do so?*

Competition details

- Your entry can be typed or hand-written
- We suggest that a minimum of one A4 page or up to 500 hundred words is a suitable submission

The competition will be open for submission until 30 September 2020. Any entry received beyond that date will not be judged. Entries must be submitted to the following email address only: creative@nys.org.uk

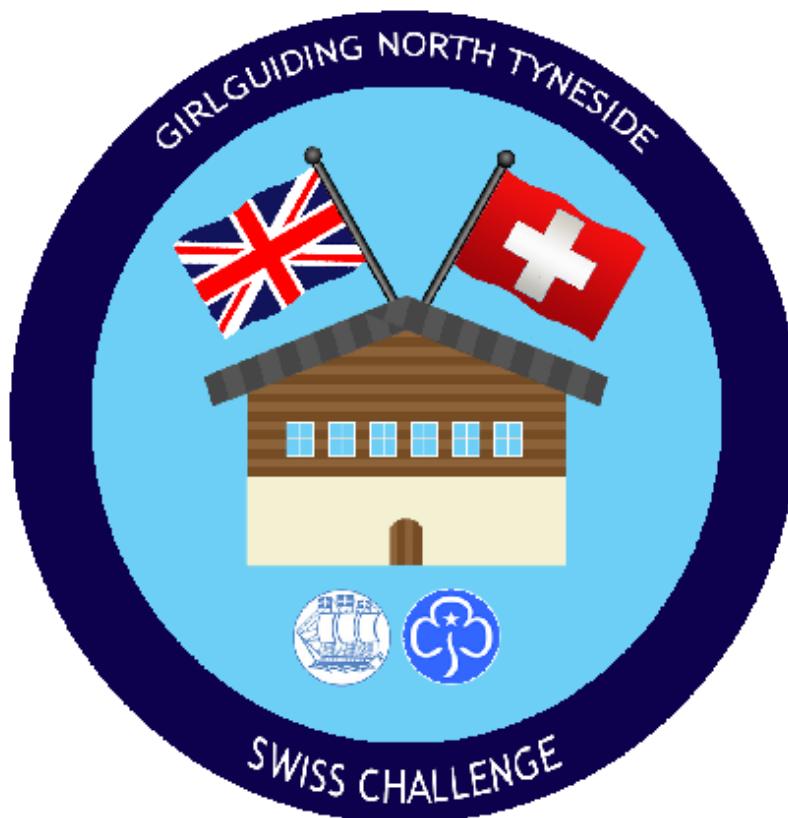
All entries must be submitted with the name of the author, section (Beaver, Brownie etc), Scout or Guide group, District plus Guide county details, an email or postal contact and confirmation that the short story is all the entrant's own work. The entries will be judged in the appropriate section, all judging will be anonymous and the decisions of the judges will be final.



Further information or for any queries please contact;

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Girlguiding North Tyneside Swiss Challenge



In 2021 Girlguiding North Tyneside are taking a group of 70 Guides, Rangers and Adult volunteers to Switzerland - this will be many of the members first time abroad with Girlguiding. We have created this challenge and badge to help fundraise for this trip, and other international trips our County will be doing in future. This will help members of Girlguiding North Tyneside to access amazing international opportunities.

Please email admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk for a copy of the challenge pack.

Look out for the next edition of the
First Friday Flyer on
Friday 2nd October 2020