



FIRST FRIDAY FLYER 7th May 2021

A message from our County Commissioner

I don't think there is very much to say this month. I hope those who have managed to go back to face to face meetings are enjoying meeting with the girls again after so long and thank you for all the hard work you have needed to put in with regards to risk assessments etc to make this happen. Those of you who are not comfortable meeting face to face yet, please remember there is no pressure on you to do this until you are comfortable doing so. Blended Guiding is going to be around for sometime I am sure.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking the division and district commissioners who have been busy signing off all the risk assessments to enable you to return to face to face guiding, this is no small job and I thank you all for your hard work.

Once again thank you for all you are doing for Girlguiding. Interestingly our numbers dropped just before census which was to be expected but now they appear to be slowly starting to increase which is an encouraging sign.

Let's really hope there is a sign that normality is returning and we can all get back to Girlguiding in a form that we all enjoy and love very soon.

Our spotlight this month is Tally Costello, our new peer education coordinator. Would you like to be in our spotlight? - if so please send something about yourself or an activity idea or anything else by email to Rachel.ccnyne@gmail.com - look forward to hearing from you all soon with ideas.

Yours in Guiding

Rachel

NEE Region Volunteer Drop in Sessions

The region Growth and Retention team are holding virtual drop ins to support volunteers with the return to in-person guiding. They hope these will be a great opportunity to share challenges, concerns, solutions and triumphs with other volunteers.

There are six sessions, each aimed at a group of counties to allow people to share ideas within relatively local networks but everyone is welcome to attend any session if those dates work better. The session for NYNE has already passed but please check the region website for the other sessions and feel free to sign up for one that is convenient for you.

<https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/event>

Email address on GO

Please can you ensure the email address you have on GO is an email that you check regularly or please ensure you check this email address on a regular basis. Email is the way Girlguiding contact leaders when their Safe Space training is due, DBS is due to be renewed etc so it is important to check this email so these important requirements are not overlooked.

Updating GO with “current offer”

Please can units look at their unit on GO and update the new current offer tab which you will find at the top of the page where you find the tabs for programme, individuals etc. This is giving you the opportunity to list what offers you are currently offering in your unit. You will just need to update it as and when things change.

North Yorkshire North East Virtual Escapades



Our Virtual Escapades badge is still available so why not consider completing it in your unit if you have not already done so. You can be as flexible as you like with the badge - run all the windows over a few weeks or as and when you can, why not have a residential event and complete it all then?

We are running a virtual Camp and Holiday window day on Saturday 5 June 2021 with Rainbows and Brownies in the morning and Guides and Rangers in the afternoon. Please forward the flyer to all your parents. This event will be free, apart from them applying for the badges. We intend to offer the other windows virtually throughout the year as well so it is not too late for your units to get a full house.

We are reliant on units sending the information out to their

members as we cannot contact them directly. You do not need to be involved in the virtual events, just give your members the opportunity to join in and we will do the rest. The closing date is 22 May 2021 so please send out/remind your girls' parents asap.



The link for the flyer is: [Virtual-Escapades-Camp-and-Holiday-on-Zoom](#)

And the registration links are:

Rainbows and Brownies:

[rainbow-and-brownie-virtual-escapades-activity-day-registration](#)

Guides and Rangers:

[guide-and-ranger-virtual-escapades-activity-day-registration](#)

Coming Soon

- International Virtual Escapades

Look out for our new badge which we hope will be ready in July for launch in September.

Peer Education

If you're looking for something a bit different, how about inviting a Peer Educator to your unit, either face to face or virtually? Peer Educators are young members aged between 14 and 26 who are qualified to run sessions for Brownies, Guides and Rangers. These sessions are called Think Resilient (on mental wellbeing), Breaking Free (on gender stereotypes) and Free Being Me (on body confidence) and are tailored specifically for your unit. Each of these sessions come with a badge that can be bought from the Girlguiding website or can be found in the Girlguiding catalogue. If you'd like more information, have any questions or would like to request a session, please contact: peereducation@girlguidingnyne.org.uk.

NEE Region 50th Birthday Challenge

Check out the NEE region website for details of the 50th birthday challenge and the opportunity to have one of the chief team visit your unit
<https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/50th-Birthday-Challenge-Badge-1.pdf>



NEE Trefoil Guild Air Ambulance Challenge



If you are looking for something else to do with your girls, check out the Trefoil Guild Air Ambulance challenge - some fantastic activities with a wonderful badge and the opportunity to raise some funds for this great charity.

<https://www.trefoilguild.co.uk/AirAmbulanceChallenge>

North Yorkshire Girlguiding and Scouts Joint Competitions

Please see the links below for information on joint competitions open to all Guiding and Scouting members.

Art Competition :

<http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Art-competition.pdf>

Baking Competition:

<http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Bake-off-competition.pdf>

Photographic Competition:

<http://girlguidingnyne.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Photographic-competition-Spring-2021.pdf>

Further information or any queries regarding any of the 3 competitions please contact; John A Ives, ACC, Creative Activities, North Yorkshire Scouts creative@nys.org.uk

Spotlight on.... Tally Costello



Hi! My name is Tally, and I'm the new Peer Education county coordinator!

My guiding journey began in Scarborough West Division, being part of 1st Forge Valley Rainbows, 1st Brompton with Snainton Brownies, 1st Forge Valley Guides, where I also became a young leader, and West Division Senior Section member. It is without a doubt my time at these units and the enjoyment I had there is the reason that I am still in Guiding today.

After moving to Edinburgh to university, I became a guide leader there too. I was part of a wonderful unit for three years, which grew from 10 girls to 45 in the time I was there (including one September where 20 guides joined at the same time!). I am now training to be a maths teacher and living in Leeds and am part of a lovely guide unit there now - I have only met them in person a handful of times so I look forward to meeting them properly in the future.

While I was a student I came across a training to become a Peer Educator. Peer Educators are young members of Girlguiding aged between 14 and 25 who run sessions for Brownies, Guides and Rangers on current issues. Despite being in the middle of my first year exams I decided to go for it, which turned out to be an amazing decision! Since training nearly three years ago I have helped run 74 sessions, the majority of which (52 I think!) were done virtually over lockdown. The opportunity to run sessions over lockdown has been beneficial not just for me as it has kept me very busy, but also for the people I've run the sessions for. The sessions are tailored to the girls' needs and are on issues relating to young girls today: mental wellbeing (Think Resilient), gender stereotypes (Breaking Free) and body confidence (Free Being Me). Running sessions virtually also means that we can run sessions for more people, some of whom wouldn't necessarily be able to access a peer educator in person, which means it is easier than ever to have a Peer Educator at your unit. There are also badges for completing each session, which is a bonus, and can be bought from any depot or the Girlguiding website.

My aim in my new role is to raise awareness of what peer education is and the benefits it can have for you and your unit, as well as recruiting more girls to train when in-person training can run again. If you have any questions at all about anything relating to peer education, or you are interested in having a session, please email me (my email address is peereducation@girlguidingnyne.org.uk), I am more than happy to help!

**Look out for the next edition of the
First Friday Flyer on
Friday 4th June 2021**