



FIRST FRIDAY FLYER

3rd September

2021

A message from our County Commissioner

I really hope you have all managed to have a nice break over the summer holidays and are looking forward to returning to unit meetings in the coming weeks. Hopefully most units will now feel comfortable meeting face to face, either indoors or outdoors and let's hope a sense of normality is returning.

Don't forget we have our county leaders' day on Saturday 2 October 2021 at Lady Lumley School in Pickering (details below). It is going to be so nice to meet face to face again after so long and to have chance to catch up with friends, meet new leaders from around the county while also picking up some fantastic ideas to help rebuild our enthusiasm for Guiding.

Our "spotlight on" this month is Amelia Forrest, new division commissioner for Scarborough West.

Yours in Guiding

Rachel

Important - DBS checks and safe space training

Please can all leaders ensure they check the inbox of the email address they have registered on GO on a regular basis. Email is the way that Girlguiding contact leaders when their DBS or safe space training is due for renewal. They send various reminders and if these are not completed by the deadline then membership will be withdrawn. As county commissioner, I get many emails the week that membership is due to be withdrawn and I then have a mad panic to try and get in touch with the commissioner and leader to remind them about the imminent deadline. If everyone could be proactive and check their emails regularly and then complete the training/organize their DBS in a timely manner it would be much better for everyone. Girlguiding do withdraw memberships if people are not compliant and volunteers cannot rejoin for at least three years and we really do not want to lose any of our volunteers in this way.

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 running 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. You can be as flexible as you like with the badge - why not run some special evenings between now and the end of the year to complete all the windows or just choose your favourite activities.

We have a limited number of badges and will not be ordering any more, so plan ahead and get your badges ordered!

Coming soon - International Virtual Escapades

Look out for our exciting new county badge coming soon - International Virtual Escapades.

Following on from our Virtual Escapades badge which provides activities for four virtual residential experiences over the year, International Virtual Escapades looks to get units thinking about and planning a virtual international experience for their unit while growing an interest in world Guiding.

We have linked it to the programme as much as possible but we want you to get your girls talking about where they would like their unit to go for an international experience and if you are really adventurous you could perhaps run the trip virtually during a unit meeting or a residential event. You may have seen it is now possible to do virtual bus top tours of major cities and also many places of interest to.

Girls can complete the badge in each section and hopefully increase their interest in World Guiding and international opportunities along the way.



A Safe Space Level 3 Training - message from region

We've recently launched virtual L3 training dates up to the middle of September which you can book online. We're aware that there are a significant number of volunteers coming up for renewal in September, and we anticipate that September demand will be greater than the number of places we can offer in that month. To prevent this becoming a problem and stopping units meeting in the new school year we need volunteers to plan and book their training now. So please follow the link to check out what course dates are available.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-3-tickets-133863995815>

Dates for Your Diary:

- *County Leaders Day*

October 2nd, 10am - 4pm, Lady Lumley's School. Pickering
£18, including lunch (a legitimate unit expense)

Morning Sessions - for each section

The session will focus on best practice, sharing ideas, exploring promise celebrations, discussions with the girls following Skills Builder / UMA, transitions between sections. There will be plenty of opportunities to 'air and share' your experiences.

Afternoon Sessions - choices from the following.

How to prepare and update Risk Assessments

Leadership Qualification - for all those new to the leadership role (those changing sections do not need to complete this training, visit the website to learn

more <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/globalassets/docs-and-resources/learning-and-development/leadership-qual/lq-module-1-conversation-checklist-v2.pdf>)

Mental Health - broaden your knowledge of mental health issues affecting your members and how best to support those in your unit

Mentoring - for new and experienced mentors, how to make the most of the role

Safe Space Level 3 - recognising, telling and taking action

Accounts and Gift Aid how to use the Girlguiding Accounts package and create end of year accounts.

Young Leaders A chance for Young Leaders to meet together, discuss your role, the YL qualification and how this fits with the LQ

Please book your space ASAP by following this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-leaders-day-registration-162245936965>

please note: booking a space on Eventbrite is free but it actually costs £18 to attend which includes lunch, cheques payable to Guide Association NYNE please.

Booking Closing Date: 11th September

UPDATE - the commissioner session at county day has been removed as NEE region have a more detailed one planned for October (see below for details). If you have already chosen this option we will move your booking to your 2nd choice option.

- *Strictly Come Guiding - county weekend*

1-3 July 2022, Waddow Hall – more details to follow.

- *Girlguiding NEE Region training dates and booking links*

Safe Space Levels 1 and 2 for Young Leaders - Virtual Training

17th October 2-5pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-12-for-young-leaders-tickets-158104602121>

27th October 2-5pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-12-for-young-leaders-tickets-158104752571>

Commissioners Day - Virtual Training

10th October

<https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/events/commissioner-day-10-october-2021-save-the-date/>

Safe Space Level 3 - Virtual Training

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-3-tickets-133863995815>

12th September 14:00 - 17:15

14th September 19:00 - 21:15

18th September 10:00 - 13:15

24th September 18:30 - 21:45

27th September 18:30 - 21:45

6th October 18:30 - 21:45

14th October 18:30 - 21:45

18th October 18:30 - 21:45

23rd October 14:00 - 17:15

26th October 18:30 - 21:45

29th October 10:00 - 13:15

Safe Space Level 4 - Virtual Training

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-4-tickets-163394436157?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

6th October 18:00 - 22:00

15th & 22nd November 19:00 - 21:00

World Scout Jamboree

The 25th World Scout Jamboree will take place from 1st to 12th August 2023 in SaeManGeum, Jeollabuk-do, Republic of Korea.

The jamboree experience will enable young people to realise their dreams, make friendships with people from different cultures, and take part in an exciting programme. The theme of the Jamboree is "Draw your Dream". It will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Korea Scout Association.

How can I get involved?

Girlguiding UK have been invited to send a patrol in from each of its' countries and regions. This means they are recruiting for 10 unit leaders and 90 young members.

If you're over 18

You could be a patrol leader or member of the International Service Team (IST)

Patrol leader applications are open now, and we're excited to announce that we are accepting form and video applications. [Download the role description \(Word\)](#)

Applications close at midday on 10th September. [Download the application form \(Word\)](#)

Applications for international service team (IST) roles will open later in 2021.

For more information about adult roles, please contact jamboree@girlguiding.org.uk

For under 18's

Region have asked us to nominate one girl to go forward for region selection in November/December in York and also a reserve. We are holding our event on Saturday 9th October at Sowerby Scout and Guide Hut in Thirsk from 10.30 - 3.00

We are inviting girls who have dates of birth between 22 July 2005 and 31 July 2009 to attend **Please can Guide and Ranger leaders and Commissioners who have young leaders in their units ensure this information and booking details are sent to every girl who fits the age**

range, by forwarding the flyer sent to you earlier this week. If you didn't receive the flyer please contact Ali: admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk

Volunteers Needed at Waddow Hall

On the 17th-19th September, Waddow Hall are hosting 'Fearless Fun', and it is the first major guiding event on site since reopening. There is a little more about the event here:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/events-and-opportunities/regular-girlguiding-events/fearless-fun/>

They need volunteers to help on the ground for the weekend to do anything from assisting in the shop, serving meals, servicing washroom facilities, and any other tasks and jobs to help to run the event. They are asking people if they could arrive Friday afternoon/evening and leave Sunday afternoon after the event has finished. To volunteer for the event, you must be aged 16 or over. You will be provided with free indoor accommodation for the weekend and all meals.

Please could anyone interested email Rachel Powell rachel.powell@girlguiding.org.uk

no later than Friday 10th 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.

Girlguiding North Yorkshire County Challenge

Whatever the Weather!



North Yorkshire West have put together a challenge pack, which due to an error on the badges they are inviting all the Girlguiding North Yorkshire Counties to join in with. (They say Girlguiding North Yorkshire not Girlguiding North Yorkshire West!)

This year's challenge is aimed at getting everyone outdoors, active and having fun along the way.

The pack is divided by seasons with activities for any weather! There's something for everyone, from Rainbows all the way through to Brownies, Guides, Rangers and adult members as well! Complete 10 activities to earn the Whatever the Weather badge!

Download the challenge pack here:

<https://www.girlguidingnyw.org.uk/2021/05/09/whatevertheweather/>

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Amelia Forrest, new division commissioner for Scarborough West.

I have been in Guiding since I was a Rainbow and loved every minute of it. It has kept me going through some of my hardest times including my heart transplant which took place 19 years ago. I have celebrated my highs too through guiding; one very memorable occasion being my Guides providing the Guard of Honour at my wedding.



One thing I love about guiding is the friendships it has given me. I have met some of my best friends through guiding. The skills guiding has given me have been invaluable and have led to many other opportunities within my life, most recently helping me become an Activity Coordinator in a care home!



Guiding has given me so many special experiences. I have travelled to Rome, Switzerland, Austria, France and Costa Rica, all with guides. The centenary year in 2010 was one of my favourite guiding years - getting stuck in Texas due to the volcanic eruption in Iceland and taking part in centenary camp being only two of the highlights. I am now a guide leader for a unit in Scarborough. I love all the challenges guiding presents and now I am excited to be taking on the new challenge of being Division Commissioner.

**Look out for the next edition of the
First Friday Flyer on
Friday 1st October 2021**