

# Leader Development Programme Update

LDP reps  
September 2026



# Webinars' page – new!

## Coming soon

| Session name                                                                   | Available places | Session time ^                              | Sign-ups open                          | Sign-ups close                              | Actions |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| Doing Our Best – Recognising and celebrating quality in your unit (North West) | 1                | 14 September 2026, 7:00 PM<br>Europe/London |                                        |                                             |         |
| Introduction to managing unit accounts webinar (Scotland)                      | 20               | 15 September 2026, 7:00 PM<br>Europe/London | 18 June 2026, 3:00 PM<br>Europe/London | 13 September 2026, 3:00 PM<br>Europe/London |         |

## Celebrating every member

| Session name                                   | Available places | Session time ^                              | Sign-ups open                          | Sign-ups close                               | Actions |
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| Celebrating every member (North West)          | 11               | 21 September 2026, 7:00 PM<br>Europe/London |                                        |                                              |         |
| Celebrating every member (Anglia)              | 12               | 22 September 2026, 7:30 PM<br>Europe/London | 7 July 2026, 8:25 AM<br>Europe/London  | 20 September 2026, 9:00 AM<br>Europe/London  |         |
| Celebrating every member (Midlands)            | 13               | 29 September 2026, 7:30 PM<br>Europe/London | 3 June 2026, 2:20 PM<br>Europe/London  | 28 September 2026, 12:00 PM<br>Europe/London |         |
| Celebrating every member (London & SE England) | 20               | 1 October 2026, 10:00 AM<br>Europe/London   |                                        |                                              |         |
| Celebrating every member (Scotland)            | 9                | 1 October 2026, 7:00 PM<br>Europe/London    | 18 June 2026, 2:45 PM<br>Europe/London | 29 September 2026, 2:45 PM<br>Europe/London  |         |

## Doing our best

You can also take this training as an [elearning](#).

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| Doing Our Best – Recognising and celebrating quality in your unit (North West) | 22               | 26 November 2026, 7:00 PM<br>Europe/London  |               |                |         |

## Effective communication for leaders

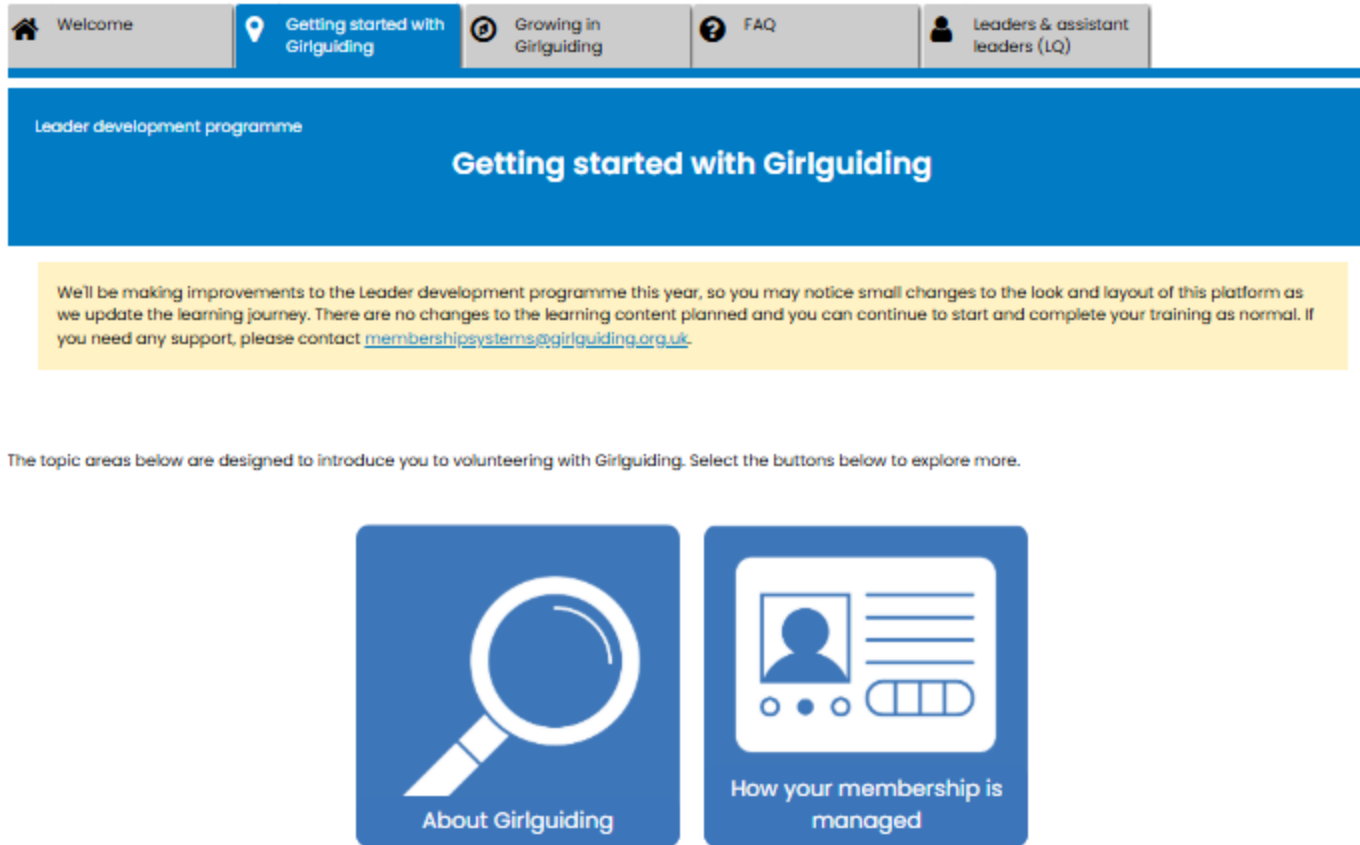
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| Effective communication for leaders (London & SE England) | 1                | 28 September 2026, 7:30 PM<br>Europe/London |                                           |                                           |         |
| Effective communication for leaders (Cymru)               | 19               | 5 October 2026, 7:30 PM<br>Europe/London    | 24 August 2026, 11:10 AM<br>Europe/London | 4 October 2026, 11:10 AM<br>Europe/London |         |
| Effective communication for leaders (Anglia)              | 9                | 8 October 2026, 7:30 PM<br>Europe/London    | 17 July 2026, 12:20 PM<br>Europe/London   | 6 October 2026, 9:00 AM<br>Europe/London  |         |
| Effective communication for leaders (London & SE England) | 20               | 12 October 2026, 7:30 PM<br>Europe/London   |                                           |                                           |         |
| Effective communication for leaders (North West)          | 18               | 19 October 2026, 7:00 AM<br>Europe/London   |                                           |                                           |         |

## Introduction to managing unit accounts

You can also take this training as an [elearning](#). Scotland sessions will be specific to volunteering in Scotland – if that isn't relevant to you, consider attending a different event.

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| Introduction to managing unit accounts webinar (Cymru)               | 19               | 7 October 2026, 7:30 PM<br>Europe/London    | 10 August 2026, 1:05 PM<br>Europe/London | 6 October 2026, 1:05 PM<br>Europe/London    |         |
| Introduction to managing unit accounts webinar (North West)          | 25               | 2 November 2026, 7:00 PM<br>Europe/London   |                                          |                                             |         |

# Getting started with Girlguiding page – before



# Growing in Girlguiding page – before

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Welcome

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Getting started with Girlguiding

Play button

Growing in Girlguiding

Question mark

FAQ

Person icon

Leaders & assistant leaders (LQ)

Leader development programme

Growing in Girlguiding

We'll be making improvements to the Leader development programme this year, so you may notice small changes to the look and layout of this platform as we update the learning journey. There are no changes to the learning content planned and you can continue to start and complete your training as normal. If you need any support, please contact [membershipsystems@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:membershipsystems@girlguiding.org.uk).

The topic areas below build on the learning you explored in [Welcome to Girlguiding](#). Here you will develop your knowledge and understanding about Girlguiding. This series of courses is recommended for those in a unit helper role. You can find the course to register to begin your leader training at the bottom of this page if you want to progress to the next stage of becoming a leader.

### Becoming a part of Girlguiding

These topics will help you understand where you fit in the Girlguiding family.



The guiding promise and law



What being a member means

### Delivering a great guiding experience

This section will help you understand the elements which contribute to the very best Girlguiding experiences.



Girl-led guiding

### Navigating member administration

This section will help you understand your responsibilities in running a unit ethically and in line with our policies and the law.



Financial management



Keeping your information up to date

### Ready to take the next step in your leadership journey?

This button will unlock once all the courses in 'Getting started with Girlguiding' and 'Growing in Girlguiding' have been completed. It can take up to 2 hours to unlock once the final course has been completed.



Register to begin your leader training

# Getting started with Girlguiding page – after

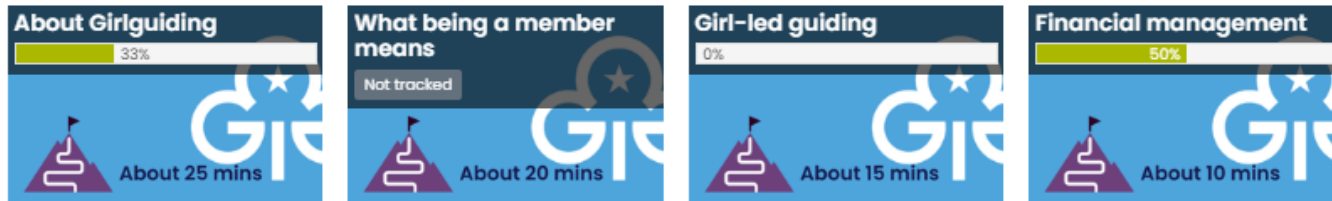
## Welcome

Whether you're new to Girlguiding or just need a quick refresher, this short learning content is for you. It's totally optional and can be completed at your own pace. These courses aren't added to your GO record but – once completed – you can find them on the My learning section of the learning platform.

You'll learn about:

- How we support our girls, volunteers, and parents or carers
- What being a member means for you in your role
- Different ways you can help girls take the lead
- Using Girlguiding data safely
- How we make and manage our money

All together, the courses will take about 1 hour to complete.



## Thinking about becoming a leader?

Girlguiding leaders do an incredible job at helping girls know they can do anything! It's a rewarding experience, and without our leaders, guiding simply wouldn't happen. You get to work directly with girls, help them grow into confident young women, and have loads of fun along the way.

If you'd like to take the next step in your volunteering journey with us, you can register below to join the leader development programme. You'll need to speak with your local commissioner too, so they can make sure you're well supported along the journey.

Register for becoming a leader

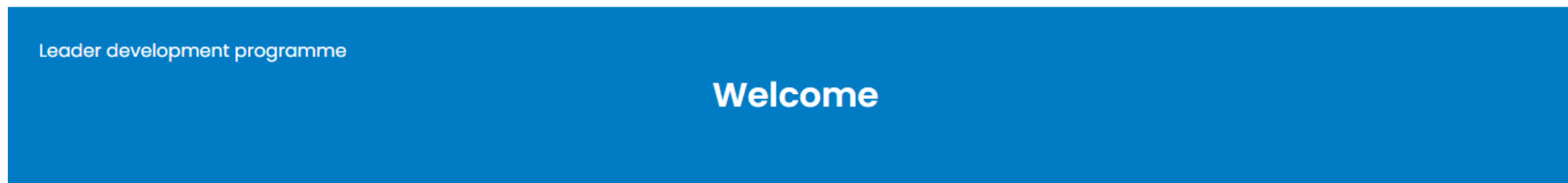
Learn more about becoming a leader

We combined the 2 previous pages and merged 7 courses into 4 courses. This creates a much simpler learning journey and removes duplicate content.

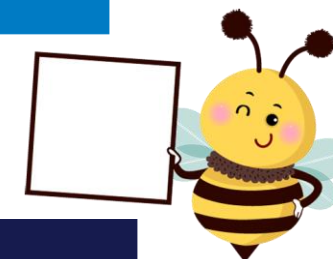
The new look includes progress bars, which is great for learners to visually track where they're at in a really easy way. Also removed this from the dashboard tabs at the top, so that the LDP focuses on becoming a leader.

This page is signposted to from the LDP welcome page and can be found in the course catalogue for new volunteers or those wanting to refresh their knowledge. And if they'd like information on the LDP, that's signposted below.

# Dashboard tabs – before



# Dashboard tabs – after



Cleaner, less clunky, modern look with LDP branding for clear visual identity.

# Welcome page – before

Leader development programme

## Welcome

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The leader development programme (LDP) is full of helpful courses for anyone that volunteers in a unit.

- **Getting started in Girlguiding** introduces you to volunteering with Girlguiding.
- **Growing in Girlguiding** is for volunteers who already know about Girlguiding, but want to take on more responsibility.
- **Becoming a leader** is full of courses to explore, develop and apply the skills you'll need to lead in a unit. You need to do these courses if you want to become a leader, and we'll support you along the way.

### How do I become a leader?

#### Option 1

→ Do **Getting started in Girlguiding** and **Growing in Girlguiding**. You can then register to begin your leader training. Your commissioner will be notified to change your role to Leader in training and then Becoming a leader will be unlocked.

#### Option 2

→ If you've been volunteering for a while, you can check your Girlguiding knowledge. If you pass, your commissioner will be notified to change your role to Leader in training and then Becoming a leader will be unlocked.

### What if I'm not ready?

No problem! You can dip in and out of Getting started in Girlguiding and Growing in Girlguiding, learn skills to use in unit meetings and gain an idea of what it's like to be a leader.

You can find out more about the leader development programme on our website, or scroll down to watch the video below.

#### Option 1



#### Option 2



Watch the video below to find out more.



[Video transcript](#)

# Welcome page – after

## Welcome

Thank you for being here! By becoming a Girlguiding leader, you'll help make the magic of guiding happen. You get to work directly with girls, help them grow into confident young women and have loads of fun along the way. All while developing your own skills! Every week will look different, from managing budgets to organising parachute games or cooking challenges and everything in between. Find out more about [what leaders do](#).

## What is the leader development programme?

The leader development programme (LDP) is the training you'll complete before you can lead a Girlguiding unit or join a leadership team. The programme contains 1 key qualification called Becoming a leader. You can be an adult volunteer to get started or a 16 or 17 year old young leader. We encourage young leaders to complete the [young leader development programme](#) first. Talk to your commissioner and the leaders at your unit to let them know you're interested and then register below.

[Register now](#)

## Learning overview

The training is made up of online quizzes, elearning, and 2 live webinars. There are also activities you'll put into action such as completing a risk assessment. Once you sign up, you'll become a leader in training. If you're a young leader, you'll keep that role title. Most people complete the training within a year. Below is a snapshot of what you'll cover. You can work through the courses in any order you like.

### Building foundations

Risk assessments and our policies

### Engaging guiding

Programme overview, celebrating every member, and involving girls  
Includes webinar

### You and your team

Teamwork, effective communication, unit accounts, and using GO  
Includes webinar

## Steps to completing the leader development programme



### Step 1: Sign up

[Register your interest](#) by reading and ticking the 3 statements.



### Step 2: New role

Your commissioner will be notified, and will change your role on GO to leader in training if you're an adult volunteer. If you're a 16 or 17 year old young leader, your role will stay as young leader.



### Step 3: Start your online training

You'll be able to start your training and have a mentor assigned by your county leader in training coordinator.



### Step 4: Book your webinars

Work through the activities and remember to book your webinars or local in-person training sessions. You can do this in any order and at your own pace. We recommend completing the programme within a year.



### Step 5: Mentor check-ins

Book time in with your mentor so they can arrange to visit you at your unit for each of the check-ins. They need to see you in action and will give you supportive feedback to upload onto the learning platform.



### Step 6: Become a leader!

Once your county leader in training coordinator signs off your final check-in, you'll become a leader. Congratulations! Your role will be updated on GO and your country will award you with a leader badge and certificate. If you're a young leader, your role will change to leader once you turn 18.



Clear overview, step by step process, and explanation of who's involved. Two 'register' buttons plus the option to do our introductory Getting started with Girlguiding learning if not ready to become a leader.

Copy signed off by BMC to ensure house style and Girlguiding tone of voice.

## Who can help me?

### Mentor

You'll have a mentor to support you through your learning. They'll be assigned to you by your leader in training coordinator after you've signed up. There are 4 mentor check-ins in the LDP, which are in person visits to your unit. Book dates in advance with your mentor and ask them questions throughout the process.

### Leader in training coordinator

It's likely that you'll have multiple coordinators in your county. They support leaders in training, young leaders, and LDP mentors. They're also responsible for signing off your check-ins once you've uploaded mentor feedback onto the learning platform.

### Commissioner

Your commissioner will know who's started and completed the LDP and who the mentors, trainers, and leader in training coordinators are. They're responsible for changing your role on GO to a leader in training or a young leader (if under 18), which will allow you to access the becoming a leader content.

### Trainer

We have great volunteers who are qualified to deliver LDP webinars and in person training sessions in your local area. You'll have the choice to attend the style that best suits your learning preference. These are great ways to meet other leaders in training who are on the same journey as you and maximise your Girlguiding experience.

[Register now](#)

## Not ready yet?

Check out our Getting started with Girlguiding content. It's made up of 4 short courses that give you an introduction to who we are, what we do and the key role that you play in girls' lives. You can complete this in your own time.

[Getting started with Girlguiding](#)

# Registration page – before

## Register for becoming a leader

Want to become a Girlguiding leader? Complete this course to check you're ready to begin your leader in training journey.

Unenrol

Your progress

### Welcome

If you're over 16 years old, and looking to become a leader, you've come to the right place! Complete the activities within this page to access your leader training content.

Open all Close all

#### Check your knowledge

Select the link below and complete the quiz to see how much you know about Girlguiding before beginning your leader journey.

Check your knowledge

When you've completed the quiz, the little box on the right will be ticked.

#### Ready to become a leader in training?

Before you enrol to begin your leader training, you need to make sure you tell your commissioner that this is something you're doing. They'll check that you're listed in the right role on GO and will make sure you've got the right support to get started.

I confirm I am 16 years old or over

I have agreed this training with my commissioner

I would like to train to become a Girlguiding leader

#### Set a goal

As you work through your leader training, you'll be asked to reflect on how you think it's going. To start your thinking, click on the link below and let us know what you're most looking forward to in your leadership journey.

Self-reflection

Back to leadership development programme

# Registration page – after

## Welcome

Looking to become a Girlguiding unit leader? You've come to the right place! Whether you're joining as a young leader or an adult volunteer, thank you for your commitment to helping girls know they can do anything.

Complete the checklist below to register.

✓ Thank you for signing up!

Please see 'What happens next' at the bottom of the page for more information.

Open all Close all

### Complete the checklist

You'll need to make sure you've spoken with your local commissioner first to express interest in becoming a leader. If you're not sure who that is, you can ask your unit leader or take a look on GO.

If you're 16 or 17, you'll need to speak to your unit leader first about having the 'young leader' role title added on GO. You'll need this before you can get started.

Please read each statement below carefully and tick the checkboxes on the right-hand side to all that apply.

I'm 16 years old or over.

I'd like to train to become a Girlguiding unit leader and meet the requirements to be a leader in the [role description](#).

I've already agreed with my commissioner to complete training and I'm ready to start.

### What's next?

Not available unless:

- The activity [I'm 16 years old or over](#) is marked complete (hidden otherwise)
- The activity [I'd like to train to become a Girlguiding ...](#) is marked complete (hidden otherwise)
- The activity [I've already agreed with my commissioner to ...](#) is marked complete (hidden otherwise)

Thank you for registering and well done for taking the first step to becoming a leader! It's an exciting journey and you'll be joining thousands of other Girlguiding leaders who are helping girls know they can do anything.

If you're an adult volunteer:

- Your commissioner will add the 'leader in training' role title to your GO record. This can take 7-14 days.
- You'll receive a GO notification once your role has been updated.
- After 24 hours, the becoming a leader section of the LDP will become visible and you can start your training! You'll also be assigned a mentor to support you through your journey. Stay in touch with them and ask lots of questions to maximise your experience.

If you're a young leader:

- You'll gain access to the becoming a leader section of the LDP 24 hours after you've registered. You won't need your commissioner to change your role on GO. This is because the leader in training role is for volunteers 16 and over, and you already have the young leader role.

# Becoming a leader page – before

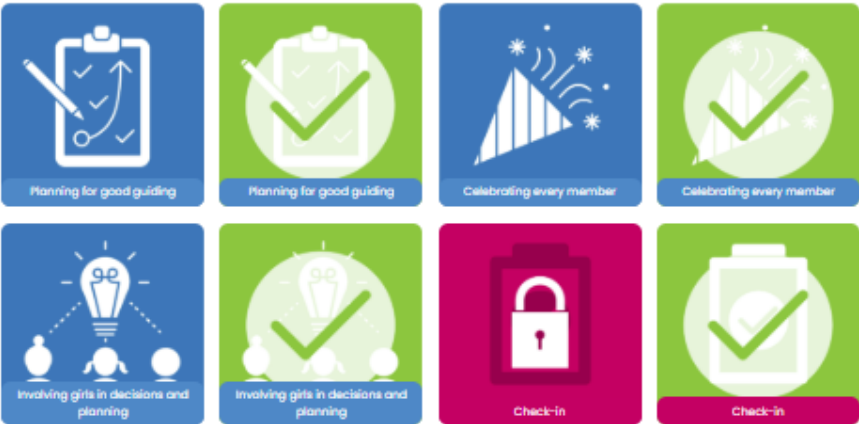
## Building foundations

This section will help you to deliver guiding in a fun and safe way, whilst following our policies.



## Engaging guiding

This section will help you show how you can involve young members in creating the very best Girlguiding experiences in a way that is suitable for all.



## You and your team

This section will enable you to work as a team and manage the unit administration.



## Completion course

Have you completed all of the topics in Becoming a unit leader? Complete this course to check your knowledge.



# Becoming a leader page – after



## Leader development programme

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Supporting roles hub

LQ leaders

### Start here

Welcome to Becoming a leader. This training will help you explore, develop and apply the skills you need to lead a Girlguiding unit. You'll work through a mix of elearnings, practical activities and webinars with lots of support from your guiding team. There are also local, in person sessions delivered by our trainers. Your mentor can help you find out more about these.

There are around **10 hours of learning** and **4 mentor check-ins** - 1 at the end of each section. This is where your mentor visits you at your unit and sees you in action. Don't worry, it's not a test. It's a chance for them to celebrate your skills, help you reflect on your learning, and give you feedback to progress even further.

We recommend completing the training within a year, but you can work at your own pace.

### Building foundations

Helping girls have fun and stay safe go hand in hand. It's a big part of great guiding and helps everyone have a positive experience. In this section, you'll understand how to manage risk, explore Girlguiding's policies, and feel confident with making informed decisions.

You'll work through activities, 2 quizzes, and meet with your mentor. They'll visit you at your unit for a check-in while seeing you in action.

All together, the courses will take about **1 hour and 30 minutes** to complete.

Managing safety and risk

Not finished



About 50 mins

Following our policies

Not finished



About 40 mins

Locked: Building foundations check-in



Building foundations

Not finished



Mentor check-in

### Engaging guiding

Girls are at the heart of everything we do. This section is all about involving young members, creating inclusive experiences they'll love, and making sure their voices shape what happens in your unit. You can work through the courses at your own pace and keep your mentor in the loop. They'll get to see you in action too when they visit your unit for the mentor check-in.

There are activities, a quiz, and the Celebrating every member webinar. [Find a time](#) that suits you.

All together, the courses will take about **4 hours and 30 minutes** to complete.

Planning for good guiding

Not finished



About 1 hour 30 mins

Celebrating every member webinar

0%



About 1 hour 30 mins

Involving girls in decisions and planning

0%



About 1 hour 30 mins

Locked: Engaging guiding check-in



Engaging guiding

Not finished



Mentor check-in

### You and your team

Let's get stuck into the behind the scenes side of being a Girlguiding leader. This part is all about helping you feel confident in the day-to-day running of your unit with teamwork, finances, and using GO. Remember to share your progress with your mentor along the way, not just at your check-ins. They'll help you reflect, answer your questions, and support with local knowledge.

You'll work through activities, quizzes, and the Effective communication for leaders webinar. [Find a time](#) that suits you.

All together, these courses will take about **3 hours and 45 minutes** to complete.

Developing as a team

Not finished



About 2 hours

Managing the unit's money

Not finished



About 1 hour

Organising your unit

Not finished



About 30 mins

Locked: You and your team check-in



You and your team

Not finished



Mentor check-in

### Completion course

Great job, you're almost a qualified Girlguiding leader! But first, it's time for your **final mentor check-in**. They'll come and visit you 1 last time at your unit. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase what you've learned throughout the programme. You might choose to lead most or all of the unit meeting with the support of your leadership team.

Well done, you've got this!

Locked: Complete becoming a leader



Becoming a leader - completion course

Not finished



completion course

We now have small, mobile-optimised course tiles that include progress bars. The tile graphics state the length of time each course will take as well as having it in the copy for each section too. These graphics have our LDP logo and show up in the course catalogue. There are also clearer descriptions of what's involved in each section.

# Resource bank – new!

## LDP – Resource bank

PDF – Engaging guiding check-in form

### Planning for good guiding

- [Webpage – Doing our best standards](#)
- [Webpage – Girlguiding programme](#)
- [Video – Welcome to the overview of the Girlguiding programme](#)
- [Video – The six themes](#)
- [Video – Top tips: What will unit meetings be like?](#)
- [Webpage – The 5 essentials checklist](#)
- [Webpage – Safety and safeguarding checklists](#)
- [Webpage – Making guiding happen checklists](#)
- [PDF – Programme planner](#)

### Celebrating every member

- [Webpage – Equity, diversity and inclusion at Girlguiding](#)
- [Webpage – Including everyone in guiding](#)
- [Webpage – Equality and diversity policy](#)
- [Webpage – Grants and funding](#)

### Involving girls in decisions and planning

- [Webpage – Girls' attitudes survey](#)
- [Webpage – Future girl campaign](#)
- [Video – Get with the programme](#)
- [Webpage – Get with the programme](#)
- [Webpage – Start planning your programme](#)
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This is a brand new page that hosts all videos, website links, and PDFs in a single place. It creates ease for learners to find what they're looking for at any time rather than trying to remember where in the programme it was.

# Supporting roles hub – before

## Resources for roles supporting leaders in training

 Leader in training coordinator area

 Mentor guidance

 Commissioner guidance

### Latest announcements

- [Add a new topic...](#)
- [We've refreshed the LDP!](#)  
1 Sep, 12:12 Beverley Akuffo-Addo
- [2026 improvements to the LDP](#)  
6 Jul, 12:03 Beverley Akuffo-Addo
- [Question for you: barriers for the LDP](#)  
21 Oct, 12:33 Dorothea Roebien-Auliz

### Drop-in sessions

We hold drop-in sessions for volunteers who support leaders in training. We'll discuss updates on the leader development programme and make sure there's plenty of time for you to share your feedback and ideas.

**Next session:** Tuesday 13 October, 7-8pm – [sign up here](#).

You can sign up and see recordings of previous sessions by heading to the [course page](#).

### Resources

 LDP walkthrough video

 LDP course objectives

 LDP course checklist

 Check-in forms

### FAQs and further information

Select a header to open or close the section.

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| About the leader development programme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Roles supporting leaders in training (LITs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Moving sections & top-up courses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Moving sections course</b><br><p>This course can be found in the <a href="#">LQ leaders</a> tab in the LDP area on the platform. It's for leaders who have completed the old leadership qualification, have been actively volunteering, and now want to volunteer with a different section than the one they originally qualified with. If they've qualified as a leader through the leader development programme (LDP) they don't need to do this course.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Top-up course</b><br><p>This course can be found in the <a href="#">LQ leaders</a> tab in the LDP area on the platform. It's for assistant leaders who've done module 1-3 of the leadership qualification (LQ) who want to move to a leader role and existing leaders who want to refresh their Girlguiding knowledge – it's a replacement of module 4 of the LQ. This course isn't mandatory for people who've been away from guiding for 3+ years, but you might agree with your mentor that you'll complete it as part of the learning needed to reinstate your role.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Away from guiding for 3+ years</b><br><b>LDP</b><br><p>If someone has been away from guiding for 3+ years and qualified as a leader via the LDP, they should speak to a mentor to identify any learning needs. They may choose to direct the learner towards the <a href="#">top-up learning</a> as part of the learning needed to reinstate the leader role. From the end of April 2024, in order for the county commissioner to add the leader role, they will just need to add the 'Returning leader after 3+ years' course on GO.</p> <b>LQ</b><br><p>If someone's been away from guiding for 3+ years and qualified as a leader via the LQ, the LQ will have expired. They should speak to a mentor to identify any learning. They could direct the returning leader towards the <a href="#">top-up learning</a> on the learning platform to complete as part of the learning needed to reinstate the leader role. From the end of April 2024, in order for the commissioner to add the leader role, they will need to add the 'Returning leader after 3+ years' course on GO.</p> |
| <b>Assistant leaders</b><br><b>An assistant leader holds module 1-3 but has been away from guiding for 3+ years. What happens if they return?</b><br><p>Assistant leaders who have been inactive in Girlguiding for 3+ years will come back as unit helpers. We recommend doing the <a href="#">top-up learning</a> to move to the leader role.</p><br><b>An assistant leader wants to move section, what happens to their role on GO?</b><br><p>If they stay in their original unit, they'll keep the role of assistant leader as it's the unit that is added to the role. However, if they change unit, they'll be made unit helper as no new assistant leaders can be added on GO. We recommend doing the top-up learning to move to the leader role, as this prepares them for all sections and will help move sections seamlessly.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

# Supporting roles hub – after



## Latest announcements

Add a new topic...

We've refreshed the LDP!

1 Sep, 2022 Beverly Nduko-Adoo

2026 improvements to the LDP

6 Jul, 2022 Beverly Nduko-Adoo

Question for your barriers for the LDP

21 Oct, 2022 Dorothy Koeber-Rule

## Welcome

Thank you for all that you do. Whether you're brand new to supporting leaders in training (LIT) or have been doing this for years, we're so glad you're here. You can explore this hub to find helpful guidance, resources and tools.

## Drop-in sessions

We hold drop-in sessions for volunteers who support leaders in training. We'll discuss updates on the leader development programme and make sure there's plenty of time for you to share your feedback and ideas.

**Next session:** Tuesday 13 October, 7–8pm – [sign up here](#).

You can sign up and see recordings of previous sessions by heading to the [course page](#).

## LDP journey

Once a volunteer has spoken with their commissioner about becoming a leader, here are the next steps to take.



If a leader in training decides they no longer wish to continue, you can [end their leader in training role](#) on GO. Their LDP qualification will automatically be marked as abandoned within 48 hours.

If they're a young leader, please email [memberships@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:memberships@girlguiding.org.uk). The team will mark the qualification as abandoned while keeping their young leader role active.

## Roles supporting leaders in training

If you're an LDP mentor or LIT coordinator, you'll be able to see the leader development programme via the [Becoming a leader](#) page.

▶ Mentor

▶ Leader in training coordinator

▶ Commissioner

▶ Trainer

▶ Leader

## Returning to Girlguiding after a break

If a leader has been away from Girlguiding for 3 or more years, their qualification will expire. To return, they can chat with a mentor to identify any learning needs and complete our short [top-up course](#). Once that's done, the county commissioner can add the returning leader after 3+ years course on GO and reactivate their leader role.

If a mentor feels that the returning leader doesn't need the additional learning, they won't need to complete it.

## Moving sections

Leaders who qualified under the LQ or other historic leadership qualification can lead a different section once they complete our [moving sections](#) course. The learning builds on their existing experience, helps them better understand the needs of their new section and feel confident supporting girls in a different age group. LDP leaders won't need to do this course.

# What's to come

## By mid September

- Consent form on platform
- Becoming a leader visibility for mentors and coordinators
- Supporting roles hub – updated dashboard

## By 30 September

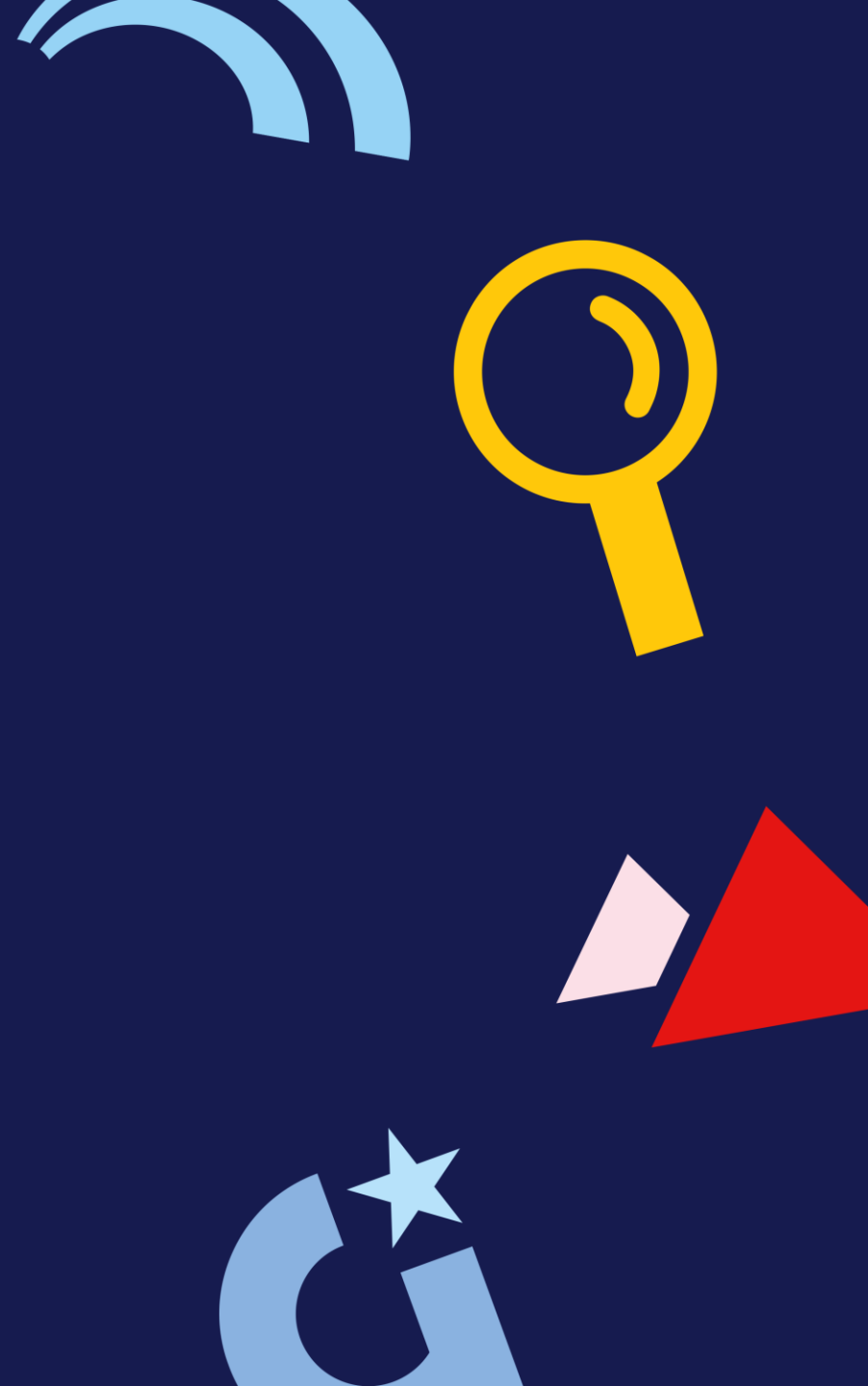
- Updated check-in forms
- Top up and moving sections – updated dashboard
- Updated email journey via the platform and GO
- Automated LiT to leader role

## In October

- New LDP webpage
- Learner's guide/workbook
- Supporting roles guidance
- Abandonment process



# Feedback and Discussion



# **Completion timeframe**

**Aim for 1 year, with 2 years being suggested end  
(unless agreed extension date with mentor)**

**Encouraging LiTs who have been in progress since 1 Sept 2024 or before, to complete by 30 April 2027**

# **LDP processes**

- LiT to leader: late Sept**
- Abandonment: late Oct**

# **LDP reps meetings**

- 1 hour or 1.5 hours?**
- Next meeting in Dec or Jan?**

# Upcoming Meetings

- Tue 13 Oct, 7-8pm – supporting roles drop-in session

[LDP drop in sessions: LDP drop-in session for Commissioners, LiT Coordinators, Mentors and Trainers](#)

# Leader development guide feedback



# Any questions?

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