

Do you have Young Leader(s) in your unit?

Yes

No
 Would you like a YL?

My YLs are fantastic, they run activities for the unit, sometimes the whole meeting, take a full role in helping to plan and lead our programme and are fully aware of all the opportunities Senior Section has to offer them!

I love having my YLs - they are great with the girls and really helpful during unit meetings, but I'm so busy planning activities for the Rainbows/Brownies/Guides, that I'm not sure what's on offer for my YL.

I know having YLs is a good thing, but they don't do a lot in my unit, usually just playing a game, for instance.

Yes please!
 Speak to your District Commissioner - she will know if there are any volunteers in your local area or via Join Us. Alternatively, ask local Guide or Ranger leaders for prospective YLs.

No
 Currently we are unable to support a YL in our unit, but I'll bear it in mind for the future. This is fine, if YLs are going to be in a unit, they should be useful, undertaking the programme and enjoying their Guiding!

Excellent!
 Your YL is making the most of all the opportunities available to her and well prepared to lead her own unit one day!

There are so many Senior Section opportunities on offer its difficult to know where to start, so the chart overleaf should be a good place!

Try encouraging your YL to be more proactive in your unit. Ensure they are invited to planning meetings and ask them to lead various activities (although be aware of exam pressures etc.) - start with small steps, before you know it, you'll be making strides!

Please encourage your Senior Section members to undertake as much of the programme and opportunities available as they wish to. It is completely down to the individuals' choice as to what she undertakes. It should be a personal challenge, whether that is attending unit meetings and running an activity, or completing her Queen's Guide Award and leading her own unit. Enjoy using the valuable asset that is the Young Leader in your units!

For more information, or to be put in contact with Advisers for the various opportunities, contact the GLK Senior Section Chair.

The Young Leader Qualification (YLQ), for any Senior Section member aged 14 to 18, designed to help the YL take an active, positive role in running a Rainbow, Brownie or Guide unit.



The Leadership Qualification (LQ) for any member aged 16+, to become a Girlguiding Unit or Assistant Leader. (The LQ can be started from the age of 16, but awarded from her 18th birthday onwards.)



Look Wider, a programme divided into 8 Octants, each octant divided into 3 phases. Upon completion of Phases 1 and 2 across all octants, members will be awarded the Chief Guide's Challenge, in LaSER, upon completion of all octants, the Region Octant Certificate is awarded.



Queen's Guide Award - the highest award you can work towards in guiding, for any Senior Section member aged 16 to 25 to be completed before your 26th birthday.



Commonwealth Award, for any member from all Commonwealth countries and BGIFC aged 13 to 26, designed to challenge and discover more about the Commonwealth.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), a programme for anyone aged 14 to 24 divided into progressive levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold, each divided into Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition elements.



The Senior Section Permit or Overnight Permit, allowing members to take a group of Guides or Senior Section members away for an overnight experience or longer residential.



Innovate, Girlguiding's Youth Forum, is a weekend residential event for members aged 16 to 25, to input into the current work and objectives of Girlguiding.



International opportunities, including: GOLD, INTOPS, jamborees, World Centre visits and region, county or unit trips.



SSAGO: become a member of the Student Scout and Guide Organisation if you are studying at college or university.



4 - Senior Section members can become Peer Educators, delivering fun, interactive sessions on a range of topics to groups Brownie aged and upwards.



Advocate, for members aged 14-25, to get involved with Girlguiding on a national level, to discuss the issues girls care about and seeks change.



Find more opportunities, link with other members and keep up to date on events in GLK with our 'GLK Senior Section' facebook page (its a secret page so get a friend to add you or ask for an email invite).



Boating, 'Going Away With...', Catering, Health and First Aid, Climbing and Abseiling, Walking schemes - speak to your commissioner, outdoor or residential adviser. Various schemes are for those aged 14+, 16+ or 18+.



British Youth Council (BYC) is an umbrella group made up of lots of youth organisations, who represent the views of young people to the government, decision makers and the media.

