

The Going Away With Scheme process

A candidate must have completed their Leadership Qualification AND currently hold an active role as a leader, commissioner or adviser to be able to work on the residential qualifications.

Leaders holding or working towards the GAW scheme must hold up to date A Safe Space levels 1-3.

To be assessed for any module of the Going Away With scheme:

For Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
minimum of eight girls (so that they can work in two small groups)
maximum of 24 girls

For Rangers
minimum will be 4
maximum will be 24.

To be assessed for modules 5-8 of the Going Away With scheme, or to gain the Travelling abroad module, the assessment event needs to last two nights or more.

1. Register and get publications

- Candidate discusses with her local commissioner that she would like to start working on the GAW Scheme.
- The local commissioner adds this on GO.
- Candidate fills out a registration form via the county website - <https://girlguidinghantswest.org.uk/county-trainings>
- Once registered the County GAW coordinator will check that the commissioner has given approval by adding the details on GO.
- The candidate purchases the 'Going Away With Scheme' resource (essential). The 'Going Away With Guiding' publication is also recommended but not essential. Remember these are allowable expenses on the event/unit.

2. Working with a Mentor

- The County GAW coordinator will pair the candidate with a mentor.
- The mentor will contact the candidate to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet for the initial meeting.
- The mentor will maintain regular contact with the candidate via email, phone or further meetings as required.
- All plans should be checked with the mentor and all applicable parts of the blue record book signed off prior to the event.
- Travel expenses for attending mentor sessions or meetings with a mentor are an allowable expense on the event/unit.

3. Event visit

- A mentor will visit the event and complete a report. Any major issues will be discussed with the candidate at the time.

4. Complete evidence

- This should only be writing up any additional notes, completing a full account sheet (including receipts) and writing up an evaluation report of the event.
- All evidence should be completed within 4 weeks post event.

5. Sign off by the Mentor

- When the evidence folder is complete the candidate will meet with their mentor at the next mentor session to have all modules signed off. The evidence folder can then be verified at the same meeting and returned to the candidate.
- Alternatively, the candidate and mentor can meet at another time to sign off modules and the mentor will take the evidence folder to the mentor session for verification.

6. Verification

- Folder will be handed to a Verifier at a county mentor session for final assessment. This is to ensure consistency and quality throughout the County.
- The candidate may be contacted for further information at this stage.
- If all is in order, the qualification will be signed off. This step will normally be completed by the County Residential Adviser.

7. Badge and Certificate sent to Commissioner to present

- The County GAW coordinator will send the badge and certificate to the candidate's commissioner to present at a suitable occasion.

8. Details of the qualification on GO

- The County GAW coordinator will inform the County GO Coordinator that the qualification is complete and the County GO Coordinator will update the candidate's record.