Commissioners' Conference 2019

Doing Our Best

Our checklists for good unit guiding

| Table | Scenario and table discussions |
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| Exercise | |
| Scenario A | Supporting a unit with a very established leadership team to adapt to the new programme. • Encourage attendance at new programme trainings • Help with financing resources • Get the girls involved • Involve parents and seek their support • Take on board positive and negative feedback • Delegate programme reporting on GO to other leaders • One to one/face to face help and advice – plan a model programme • Section meetings and/or all leaders meetings for mutual support • Share resources and programme ideas • Assure leaders that they can use some/all of their current activities |
| Scenario B | Dealing with a complaint from a parent who feels the unit programme isn't good enough. Meet parent and find out what isn't good enough Meet the unit leaders Get a copy of the unit programme – do the 5 essentials run through the programme? Is the programme girl led? What do the girls think of the programme/enjoy? Is the complaint justified? If yes, work with the unit team, provide training, use participation on a plate resource. If no, talk to the parent about the programme. Is the girl happy/challenged? Give the girl a voice. |
| Scenario C | Supporting a leader who is great with the girls, but you think may be struggling with some of the other aspects of running a unit. The unit accounts haven't been reviewed for 3 years and you've noticed GO hasn't been updated for a while. Have a chat. Offer support and training. Maybe they don't know what to do and just haven't asked for help. Remind her of her responsibility for accounts. Offer to write up the accounts for the past x years or/and put a plan in place for moving forward Who does the accounts? Find someone who can help or the leader can delegate them to. Not a quick fix – may take 6 months to fix GO training for the unit |

- Nominate one of the team to help or take responsibility for updating GO
- Provide a copy of the Starting Form to parents so that GO can be updated.

Scenario D

Supporting a unit which has a new leadership team with lots of great ideas and enthusiasm, but who lack confidence.

- Find out the strengths in the team
- Use the checklist to identify what they do well and where they need support
- Encourage them to use the 5 essentials and the must haves for safety etc.
- Encourage new leaders to attend training days
- Rota of supporting leaders to offer guidance and give confidence
- Visit other units key points to observe
- How are they using the new programme in unit meetings?
- Use checklists as an evaluation tool
- Make them aware of the structure and who to go to if they have questions or need help

Scenario E

Planning a thanks and recognition event for volunteers in the division.

Beforehand:

Plan a convenient time and place e.g. not on unit meeting night.

Just adults or girls too? (CI)

Social aspect of the evening? (Making Guiding Happen)

Decide what will be celebrated:

- Taking girls/leaders out of their comfort zone (BVP and SG+DM)
- Girl led nomination of leader
- Going the extra mile
- Celebrate the expected/mundane e.g. accounts in on time (Safety and Making Guiding Happen)
- Living the promise/the promise in action (CCS)
- Mentoring/buddying (CI)
- Expecting the unexpected (Safety)
- Transition award (Making Guiding Happen)

Key:

CI - Care for the individual

BVP - Balanced and varied programme

SG + DM – Self Government and Decision Making

CCS – Commitment to a Common Standard

SG – Working in small groups