



Doing Our Best

Our checklists for good unit guiding

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Aim: To help you use Doing Our Best, in your commissioner role, as a framework for sharing learning ideas, building strong unit teams and ensuring everyone, everywhere has a great guiding experience.

Objectives:

By the end of this session you will be able to

- Talk positively about Doing Our Best to other Girlguiding members
- Understand how the standards can be used in everyday guiding situations



..provide information
to volunteers about
Girlguiding **to help
them deliver good
guiding**

..meet new & existing
volunteers to motivate
and **encourage them
to deliver good
guiding**

As a Commissioner in Girlguiding I

..visit units to see the
programme in practice,
**offer support and give
constructive feedback**

..deal with
complaints from
parents and other
volunteers



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Indicators of good guiding in a unit



Girls having
adventures



Trained
and
motivated
leaders

Girls having fun
in a safe environment



Girls having a say



Good retention and
transition



Developing the Doing Our Best standards

Guiding Conversations

Good guiding is...

Introduction

Giving girls and young women a good guiding experience is at the heart of every Leader has strengths and things they can celebrate about.

Good guiding is... is a practical tool designed to outline the fundamentals of delivering a good guiding experience in order to offer girls and young women the best possible experience. It will introduce you to *Good guiding is...* and give you an idea of how to use it.

- help you deliver a good guiding programme
- evaluate your programme
- plan ahead.

It would be a good idea to ask each person to read a copy of the resource prior to reference at the meeting.
Download *Good Guiding is...* here.

Good guiding is...

...happening across the UK all the time!



Good guiding is all about putting the *Five Essentials* into practice to offer girls and young women the best guiding experience.

This resource is a practical tool that outlines the fundamentals of delivering a good guiding programme, and includes a selection of fun and inspirational ideas to help you do so.

Include trying new things, experiencing adventure, community action and at least two activities outside the meeting place. Take a look at the *A to Z of Activities* for inspiration.

• Girls and young women know about all the opportunities available to them, regardless of whether you are the one providing them or not.

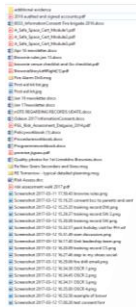
• Whenever possible there is at least one non-physical activity.



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2015/16

2016/17



2018

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Doing Our Best standards



- **What:** Updated checklists for good unit guiding, reflecting the new programme and latest policies and procedures and replacing *Good Guiding Is*
- **Why:** To create clarity and consistency, and help all members, whatever their role, support each other and celebrate the best of Girlguiding.
- **How:** Doing Our Best is built on feedback and learning from thousands of volunteers and girls who took part in the quality pilots in 2015-17.
- **When:** Launched to all members via the October 2018 e-newsletter, and Spring 2019 (Nov 18) guiding magazine, which includes a Doing Our Best poster for all members
- **Who:** Everyone!



Using the Doing Our Best standards

Whatever your role, everyone can use Doing Our Best checklists to help make guiding the best it can be.

Unit leaders and helpers:

The Doing Our Best standards and checklists can support you to run an amazing unit. It can help you and the girls reflect and celebrate your achievements, plan for the future and decide how you'll support each other.

Commissioners:

Use the standards as topics for discussions with unit teams (at unit visits or other meetings), to celebrate successes, share ideas and find out where units would like extra support from your district, division or county team.



What action could you take now?

Ideas include:

- Discuss good guiding at a local meeting - by using the DOB poster and checklists. Look out for commissioner materials later this year.
- Encourage leaders to use the standards in their units to identify and share areas of good practice. Celebrate this success.
- Visit units and use standards to look for good practice and make suggestions for the future
- Use the standards with new volunteers
- Tackle some quick fix areas - e.g. A Safe Space training, Risk Assessments so your units are complying with requirements

You choose and add your DOB action to the notecard.



Thank you for participating in today's session.

Do keep in touch with the Quality Group.
Send us your questions, comments and suggestions to
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