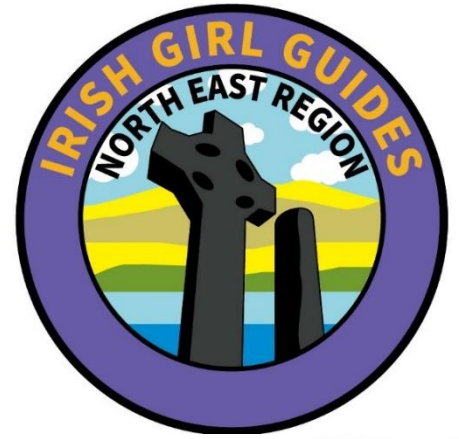


Autumn 2023

Welcome back after the summer break, oh what a wet one we all had!

Here's to a new Guiding year, new opportunities, new Ladybird Units, with lots of fun and adventures planned or to be planned for us all to enjoy!



LEADER TRAINING & INFORMATION

If you join the **Facebook** Leader group **IGG North East Region Leaders**, this is a good source of information for Leaders, and you will also find us on **Instagram** **iggnortheast**. We have also started Branch specific WhatsApp groups for Leaders

to share ideas, and the Region can pop in relevant information you might need, and links for trainings. All Region Trainings are booked on Eventbrite, any cost for trainings can be reimbursed from your Unit Funds

The North East Region want to support all their hard working volunteers by providing training that is relevant to their role as a volunteer Leader. We also want this to provide a social outlet for you to feel a connection with other Leaders. Its about having fun and learning together which helps us to become great role models for our girls and be part of an

amazing all female organisation. #givinggirlsconfidence, all ages!

**NEW LEADER
FIRST AID &
SAFEGUARDING
TRAINING**

Saturday 9th
September 2023
10am - 5pm

Blackgrove Cottage Fordstown
Co. Meath C15 PX8W

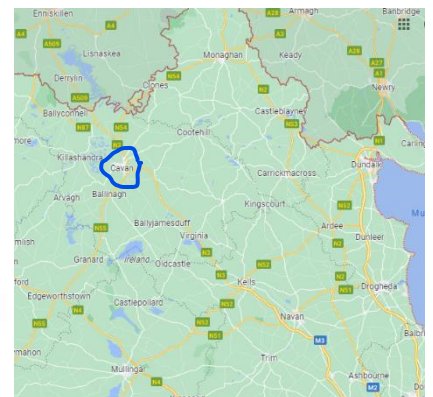
**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

North East Region Conference –

Cavan Crystal Hotel – Sun 8th Oct 9.30 – 4pm

Travel expenses will be reimbursed, please car pool where possible. Booking on Eventbrite please.

Senior Branch has requested to join trainings in other branches. It will be a training day with fun, teamwork and bonding and the cost can be reimbursed from your unit funds.





ORCHARD COTTAGE

Orchard Cottage has new beds and, new bathroom and is repainted. Blackgrove and Orchard Cottage are now available to book through nerdo@irishgirlguides.ie

LEADER MYSTERY TRIP

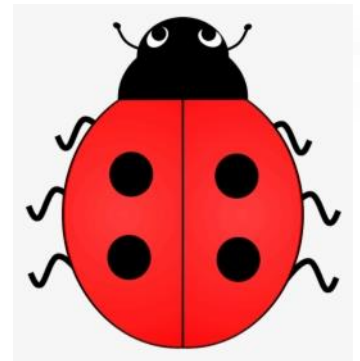
20 Leaders are signed up to go on a mystery trip in November, (FULLY BOOKED) all are very excited about the prospect and trust that they will have the most amazing time. Thanks to Silverbirch, Clones, Brownie Leader Mel Gibson for organising this years trip and doing so well at keeping the secret. All will be revealed at the meeting point, and apart from the day and time, at the moment, the meeting point is also a mystery!



LADYBIRDS

Ladybird Units starting up again in Trim and hopefully Ashbourne. It's great to see this Branch coming back to bigger numbers. The girls love being in Ladybirds!

It's a great opportunity for Mum's to get involved, which starts their own Guiding journey. We encourage the Mum's to give a sense of independence for their girls, by leaving other Leaders to help their little girls and them help others.



The Ladybirds Fun Day this year was in Newgrange Farm and inspite of the weather a fabulous day was had by all.

Well done to Annamarie Lawler, our Region Commissioner, and Ladybird

Rep, Christine Conlon for all their hard work, along with their teams.

The Ladybirds all got a special bag and some goodies, they enjoyed some fun indoor and outdoor activities and got to name the Ladybird Mascot, now lovingly known as Redy Teddy.

Redy Teddy is available to vist Ladybird Units especially for Special Occasions. Leaders can use the WhatsApp group to ask for Redy Teddy, so we can see who has them to pass on.



GUIDES

Region Guide Cook Out – Sat 13th May Blackgrove



This was a Ready Steady Cook type of event and it proved to be a challenge for lots of the girls who don't always have the opportunity to cook at home. The turnout was brilliant and the standard of teamwork was super. The judges got to enjoy some delicious food and see the Guides in action, supported from the sidelines by their encouraging Leaders. The Competition was scored

in a number of ways, for teamwork, presentation (i.e Uniform) presentation of food and of course, taste. Runners up were Silverbirch Guides from Clones and the Winners were from Kilkerry Guides.



National Guide trip to Foxlease Centre Lyndhurst Hampshire England

Two Guides from Navan and one Guide from Kells were selected to be part of the Guide Branch National contingent. What a wonderful opportunity! They all had great fun!. Partly thanks to Dara Callanan from the NE who was part of the Leader team. I'm sure the Guides will be sharing news of their adventure with their friends.



National Guide Awards for all our Trailblazer Guides is taking place on Saturday 7th October. There are 29 Guides from the North East that have successfully completed their Trailblazer Awards, they are from Ballybay, Tullyallen, Clogherhead, Millmount Drogheda, Monasterboice, CuChulainn Drogheda, Macalla Trim, Knockbridge, Cealla Kells, Dunshaughlin and Boyne Valley Drogheda; well done to all the Guides, and their Leaders and Parents for all their support too. The Guides will make the Region proud on the day, and indeed everyday...maybe Leaders of the future?

BROWNIES and GUIDES; and Senior Branch (as helpers) enjoyed a Fun Day at Emerald Park in June.



In spite of a damp start, the sun shone, and the girls had a fantastic day! They even enjoyed the chat while waiting in queues! There was so much to see and do!



Camp Equipment to share

There is a large amount of Camping equipment available to any Unit in the Region

Please contact neregcom@irishgirlguides.com



The Michelle Cahalan Memorial Craft Competition 2024

Michelle Cahalan (RIP) was our late Region Development Officer, she passed away 2nd January 2018, her Guiding friends remember her fondly, especially for her love of craft, so an annual craft competition was created in her memory.

All branches are welcome to take part. Every participant will get a badge, the design is yet to be revealed....

The theme this year is 'Cardboard', this could be anything made out of cardboard, so maybe from recycled shoe boxes, toilet rolls, or maybe a team built bigger construction??? Girls just need to simply use their imaginations.

Each Unit has to choose a winner for their Unit based on the child's abilities, it's not necessarily what entry looks the best. Submit winners and number of girls taking part to

neregcom@irishgirlguides.ie by 31st January 2024.



SENIOR BRANCH

Huge congratulations to all the participants of the Chief Commissioner's Award 2023! Such a fantastic week of perseverance and adventure around the Beara Peninsula in Cork!



Our very own Liz McCluskey from Drogheda Senior Branch (and she was our former Region Senior Branch Rep) with a partner, completed the challenge of a 60km hike over 5 days; carrying everything on their backs and living off €4 per day. Liz's partner was Katelynn Connell from Eastern Region, they now have a bond and memories they will share forever. Well done !!!!

Region Senior Branch Dream Team Challenge



North East Region
Senior Branch weekend

Senior Branch Units were invited to send along their best team of 4 girls to rise to the challenge of planning and carrying out a Taster event to introduce younger members to Guiding.

Numbers able to attend were lower than hoped, nevertheless, the girls who have signed up will have a fun time and will learn a lot about planning, risk assessment, teamwork, being prepared, and adaptable. All attending will come away with a prize, there's one for everyone in the audience!

Membership

Membership that is due to be paid in February 2024 is €55 for all Leaders and active members. As always, please support families (in confidence) that are struggling financially, money should never be a barrier for a girl to be involved in Guiding.

If your unit cannot help, seek help from your District, Area, or Region Commissioner. Don't know who they are? Check out OGM or contact your RDO (Region Development Officer) nerdo@irishgirlguides.ie



[Accounts](#), Did you manage to do your accounts for the first half of the year? Never mind, we will be organising Accounts package training, if you are looking for training we have experienced Leaders, Accounts Champions and your RDO to help too, simply email nerdo@irishgirlguides.ie or there is a tutorial on YouTube, here's the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rejcpWrlmRQ>

The newsletter, it's only as good as the content you send in!? It's great to see what other units are up to in the Region, especially if you're not into social media. *(apologies for the Facebook ladies who might find they have seen many of these images already – well done you on keeping up to date)*



Here are pictures from the Rachel Craig Memorial Challenge



Out and About in the North East – so much fun, so much laughter, did we work hard? Yes, but it's worth it!





*Outdoors or
Indoors we
are having
fun! We
survived
the rain, the
mud, the hot sun
and even
appreciated the
rainbows 😊*

