



Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting & The International Award

The International Award: A Journey Through Leadership

*Help young women to achieve their personal best
and to discover their potential*

*Encourage your Girl Guides/Girl Scouts to become
responsible citizens of the world*

Use the Award to make the world a better place



The Award adds value to the Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting experience!









The International Award: A Journey Through Partnership

The International Award has appealed to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world since it first began in 1956. The concept of individual challenge is designed to encourage young people to develop into responsible, active citizens who will positively contribute towards society. The programmes of WAGGGS and of the Award are based on the same philosophy of learning by doing, and both aim to encourage leadership and life skills, through self-development, challenge and adventure.

Many young women combine their Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting activities with those for the Award, thus providing them with an internationally recognised Award along side their Guiding/Scouting qualifications. Girl Guide/Girl Scout leaders have found that the Award Programme complements and enhances their own programmes, providing additional elements that motivate and challenge their members.

The philosophies of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting and the Award overlap in the areas of:



-  Personal development
-  Discovering your potential
-  Progressively building on success
-  Learning how to work as part of a team
-  Individual challenge
-  Links to the wider world through community action and service
-  Wide ranging extra-curricular activities
-  Developing responsible citizens of the world

In most Member Organisations parts of the awards for the older sections relate directly to parts of the International Award.

The International Award: A Journey of Self-Discovery

The Reward



Age 14 +



Age 15 +



Age 16 +



SERVICE

Make the world a better place

This Section encourages a sense of responsibility to the community through projects such as AIDS awareness programmes, voluntary service in the community, as well as leadership development through youth work

tree planting, helping the elderly, first aid, youth leadership...



ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

Discover your sense of adventure

This Section encourages and cultivates a spirit of adventure, resourcefulness, problem solving, an understanding of the environment and the importance of teamwork

hiking, trekking, mountaineering, camping, map reading, orienteering...



SKILLS

Develop yourself

This Section encourages the development of personal interests and practical life skills; choose from an almost unlimited list of activities from arts and crafts to vocational skills, and computing to music

learning to sing, web design, drama, fishing, journalism, painting...



PHYSICAL RECREATION

Test your own limits

This Section encourages improved physical performance, perseverance and a healthy lifestyle; it could be a team or individual sport, but whatever you choose, the emphasis is on individual progress

aerobics, badminton, diving, judo, skating, rock climbing, tennis, football...

Gold Residential Project

At Gold Level, young people must also undertake a residential project over a period of 5 days

The International Award: Becoming a Global Citizen

The Award began in 1956 and has spread to over 120 countries, because both the philosophy and the four-section format have proved resilient, attractive and adaptable to many cultures, languages and climates.

The Award remains as relevant as ever with record levels of interest from participants and partner organisations.

The International Award is not a membership organisation and works in partnership with others to offer the Award to young people.

Any young person over the age of 14 and under 25 can challenge themselves by participating in the Award. Activities undertaken within Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting can be used as part of an individual's Award Programme.

The International Award complements the Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting programme, especially in the senior section age range, and adds value to the Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting experience.

The International Award: How to Get Involved

...enquire about how to get started through your national Girl Guide/Girl Scout office now!

"The Award gave me a great sense of achievement and extra confidence which helped me get a job that I love!" Mary McCarthy, Ireland

"The Award has changed my life, my time is now filled with a more positive mind set" Karen Ng, Hong Kong

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