



Volunteer Role Application



Thank you for your interest in applying to join the youth network.

Our volunteers are invaluable and an essential part of making guiding happen. This role plays a vital part in supporting the region's volunteers to create a supportive and safe space for all by giving decision makers access to youth voice.

We hope you find this application pack useful to help you make an informed decision, but if you'd like any further information there are some useful sources and contacts listed at the end.

What is our youth network?

We want to offer experiences that are fun, accessible, and empowering so that more girls, young women, and volunteers are inspired to join than ever before. As a Youth Network Member, you will help ensure that the voices of young members shape the future of Girlguiding North East England. You will work collaboratively with other young members and the region team to share ideas, influence decisions, and champion girl-led guiding. There's a range of opportunities available to our youth network members and support available at every step. You might step in front or behind the camera to create content for social media, contribute to region challenges and events, or develop a new idea for a topic you want us to explore.

It's a brilliant opportunity to build confidence, develop new skills and make an impact on the future of Girlguiding North East England. You will also have the opportunity to connect with others and have fun all while empowering girls and young women to use their voice.

Key roles and responsibilities

- Attend meetings and contribute actively to discussions
- Share your views and represent the experiences of young members in your area
- Support regional events, activities and campaigns
- Act as an ambassador for youth voice within Girlguiding North East England

Skills and experience you will gain from this role

- Confidence and leadership skills
- Communication and teamwork
- An insight into governance and decision making at a region level
- Project and event planning
- Social media/content creation
- Public speaking skills

Time Commitment

- 6 meetings a year (a mix of virtual and in-person).
- Some contribution in between meetings when needed to feedback or to attend events.
- This is a flexible role and designed to fit around other commitments.
- An initial commitment of 1 year, with the opportunity to extend annually to a maximum of three years.
- We will pay expenses for in person activities

Queens Guide Award

This opportunity would meet the requirements for the Volunteer or Growth and Retention elements of the Queens Guide Award. You will need to take an active part and attend at least 4 of the 6 meetings across the year for this to be signed off in your record book.

How to apply for this role

- A Ranger, peer educator, young leader or volunteer aged 14–30
- Based in Girlguiding North East England
- Passionate about making a positive difference for girls and young women
- Willing to share your ideas and listen to others
- Open to trying new approaches and working as part of a team

If you are interested in this role, please send your name, membership number, your county, and the name of your local commissioner (this could be a district, division or county commissioner) and the answers to the following questions to recruitment@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk with the subject line 'youth network'.

1.What's your favourite Girlguiding memory and why?

2.Why are you interested in this role?

3.What skills and experiences do you have to offer?

- You can either submit your answers as a short paragraph, bullet points or a video or audio recording. Try to keep your answers to no more than 200 words per question.
- If you have any questions about the application process or the role then please email to recruitment@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk

Applications close on 18 September 2026. We will invite you for an informal zoom chat to find out more about your interests and experiences.



About Us

Girlguiding is divided into nine countries and regions, of which Girlguiding North East England is one.

Each country and region operate as a separate charity, but we all follow Girlguiding's strategic aims, policies, and procedures. From the strategic aims, each of the countries and regions has developed their own business plan and strategy.

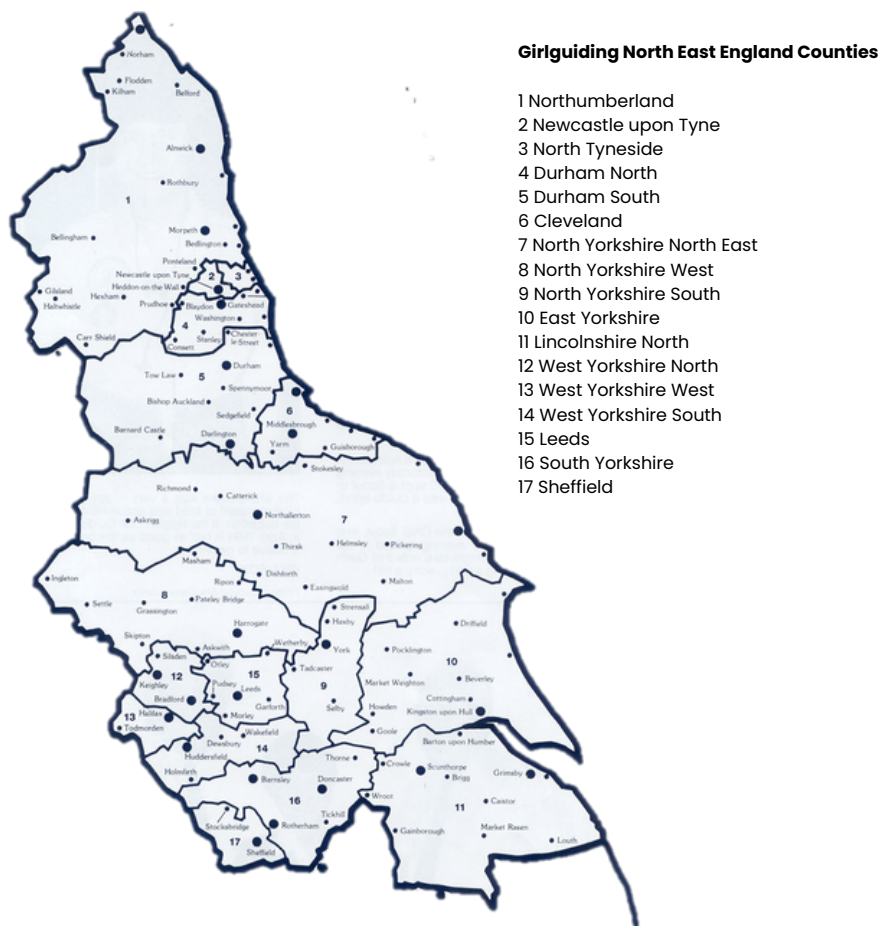
We all embrace the organisation's vision, mission, and values.

Girlguiding North East England (NEE) has 17 counties stretching from North Lincolnshire in the south to the border with Scotland in the north.

Some counties are geographically small, but because they cover cities often have higher numbers of members than the counties that are sparsely populated. Each county is managed by a County Commissioner or, as is the case for several counties, a small team of County Commissioners. Where there is a commissioner team, they will share the responsibilities between them, often specialising in a particular area of activity.

Across the region we have over 8,500 volunteers caring for, inspiring, and empowering our 43,000 young members.

We are led by the Trustees and supported by our amazing region team, which includes the Chief's team, her region Lead Volunteers and Advisers, the region office team, and the County Commissioners.



Region Teams

The Region Chief Commissioner's Team is made up of the Chief Commissioner, Wendy Howard, her deputy Alison and assistant Amy, each of whom covers a specific area of expertise within the region. The Chief Commissioner also supports the County Commissioners and the region lead volunteers.

The region advisers, lead volunteers (LV) and coordinators include Outdoor advisers, DofE advisers, International adviser and ICE coordinator, Growth & retention LV, Archivist, and Peer Education coordinator. All these roles sit under the LV for Girl Experience. They manage their activities themselves, but with administrative support from the region office.

The **Region Office Team** provides support for the Chief Commissioner's Team, Lead Volunteers and County Commissioners. They also provide advice and guidance on request for volunteers around the region on topics including membership systems (GO), carry out the administration for region trainings and events, and manage the region's marketing and communication.

The **Trustees** support the Chief Commissioner to ensure effective governance of Girlguiding North East England as a charity. The Finance & Risk sub-committee report to the Trustees.

You can view the current team on the region website
<https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/about/region-team/>

Region office:

Office hours are 9am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

info@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk

01904 676076

www.girlguidingnortheast.org.uk

Useful Links

Girlguiding HQ website - www.girlguiding.org.uk

National policies - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/policies/>

Volunteer code of conduct - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/policies/code-of-conduct/>

National strategy - <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/about-us/girlguidings-strategy/girlguidings-strategy-resources2/>

Region strategy - <https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/about/governance/>

Training & E-learning - Use personal login to the Learning Platform

Region Structure

Girlguiding North East England

