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| **Girls can, do and will at the Barbican****Saturday 1 September 2018 – FAQs** |

**What is Girls can, do and will?**

A day of making noise, and music together.

Girls Can, Do and Will – a day for over 200 girl guides to harness the transformative power of singing, percussion and chanting, and provides a creative and ‘feel-good’ way for the participants to voice feelings and (to quote the Girl Attitudes survey); ‘stand up for themselves and others’ in song.

In various skills-building workshops (including creative writing, percussion and beat-boxing) we will take a DIY approach which celebrates the idea of ‘having a go’ and celebrates exploring new things and making mistakes whilst doing so. This directly resists the pressure on girls to be perfect and provides a safe space for them to try things out and make some noise.

They will sing songs with empowering and positive messages. Some of this music exists already in the world, for example protest or pop songs; some will be specially arranged and written for them, and they will also be involved in creating some new music.

Across the day, participants will see informal performances from a diverse range of artists, some of whom they will work with directly.

There will be a celebratory sharing at the end of the day for each other, and everybody will receive a special badge to take home designed by artist [Soofiya](http://www.soofiya.com/) to remember the day by.

Musical director: Jessie Maryon Davies, with a team of experienced facilitators and artists - inspired by Jessie’s work with [Girls Rock London](http://www.girlsrocklondon.com/).

**When is Girls can, do and will?**

Saturday 1 September 2018

10.30– 17.30

**Where is Girls can, do and will?**

Barbican centre – a large arts centre in the middle of the City of London. It is within walking distance from a number of London Underground stations, the closest being Barbican, St Paul’s, Moorgate, and Liverpool St.

Address:

Barbican Centre

Silk Street, London

EC2Y 8DS

**How do I book a place to attend Girls can, do and will?**

<https://bit.ly/2zx6CRk>

Please note:

* Places will be allocated on the first come, first served basis.
* Leaders can book places for at least 6 and up to 12 girls, smaller groups may be combined for activities.
* We ask that no more than 2 leaders are booked on with up to 6 girls and no more than 3 with 12.
* Leaders and supporting leaders can join in activities and will be responsible for their group over the course of the day.
* Groups can be made up of a single unit or collective units from your county.

**When do bookings open and close?**

Bookings will open on Thursday 12 July at midday and will close at 09:00 on Friday 27 July or once slots are filled. In this instance we will start a waiting list.

**Deadline for permissions slips and list of names.**

We will need all names of attending girls and leaders along with relevant permission slips by 6 August.

**Who can take part in Girls can, do and will?**

Guides and their leaders.

**What if I’ve booked but I can’t come?**

Please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Magdalena Salata; MagdalenaS@girlguidinglaser.org.uk

**What is the schedule of the day?**

The event will start at 10.30 with an introduction to the day, and finish about 17.30. A full agenda will be shared with attendees in August 2018.

**How much does it cost?**

The event is free but all attendees should bring a packed lunch and snacks. Water will be accessible throughout the day, please bring refillable bottles – we will provide some disposable cups.

Travel at own expense.

**What do we wear?**

Please wear your Guiding uniform.

**Leaders will be responsible for:**

* Setting up a home contact for the day.
* Collecting, keeping and destroying (post event) attached event consent form.
* Conducting a risk assessment for the travel of girls to and from the Barbican Centre.
* Notifying LaSER of any additional requirements any girl/s will need.

LaSER will only need to be returned the photo permission form (if applicable ie. if parents are happy for their girl/s to be photographed) along with a list of names of all the girls and leaders who are attending by Monday 6 August.