

Volunteer role information

lead volunteer for safeguarding

About Girlguiding

With guiding, girls have fun, adventure and the space to discover their potential.

Girls can do anything. We help them know that, whether they're 4 or 18 or in between. All girls have a home at Girlguiding - whoever they are, and wherever they are.

Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we empower girls to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community.

About Girlguiding London & South East England

Girlguiding breaks down into gradually smaller groups that deliver good guiding for their area. At the highest level, the UK is split into ten countries and regions. Girlguiding London and South East England is one of the regions of Girlguiding and we are here to deliver and support the business of Girlguiding in the region. The region consists of 19 counties from Sussex, Surrey, Kent, and London, with over 50,000 members. We provide training and support for adult volunteers to enable them to deliver good guiding experiences and share good practice across the region.

This is an exciting time to join Girlguiding LaSER as we are working on our strategy for 2022-2027, reflecting the Girlguiding strategy of 'Today, Tomorrow, Together' to meet the needs of our members in today's society.

About the role:

The region safeguarding lead volunteer is the main link to the safeguarding team at Girlguiding. This is a key role with a wide range of responsibilities, all carried out with confidentiality and discretion, including the support of volunteers in the region with what might be difficult conversations. You need to be a current Girlguiding member to apply for this role.

Some of what you'll do:

- Case management oversight of all safeguarding concerns, allegations and disclosures known to the region
- Collaborate and agree case management actions with the Girlguiding safeguarding team
- Frequent liaison with Girlguiding to overview all open cases and agree next steps and outstanding actions
- Work with region trustees and Girlguiding to meet reporting requirements
- Ensure the chief commissioner and trustees have awareness of safeguarding cases and currents emerging trends and themes
- Facilitate chief commissioners to maintain impartiality and objectivity regarding cases
- Offer support and guidance to a team of safeguarding assistants. Safeguarding assistants will have the responsibility for case and investigation management
- Provide support to volunteers in the region who will be asked to undertake difficult conversations, by coaching and mentoring
- Advise on local communities and any emerging challenges
- Work with safeguarding officers at Girlguiding to reflect and learn from challenging and successful cases, sharing learning as appropriate
- Advocate safeguarding amongst the membership
- Proactively engage with a Safe Space trainers to share updates and learning to make local training relevant

What skills, knowledge and experience do you need?

- Recent practical application of safeguarding practice
- Have held a role in Girlguiding beyond unit level or ability to demonstrate knowledge of Girlguiding Volunteer structures
- Understanding of confidentiality, GDPR, consent, mental capacity and other relevant legislation
- Willingness to collaborate with Girlguiding staff and volunteers
- Ability to build and strengthen relationships with a diverse range of people
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to organise own time/workload and achieve deadlines

Recruitment information:

We're keen to hear from people of all backgrounds, abilities, races, sexual orientations, socio-economic backgrounds, and of all faiths and none.

We're flexible, and volunteering can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle.

Girlguiding is committed to making reasonable adjustments to support all volunteers.

Please note this is a volunteer role and does not form part of any contract of employment. There is no remuneration for this post, but all reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

This appointment is for an initial 3-year term, with potential extension if appropriate.

How to apply:

Please email recruitment@girlguidinglaser.org.uk with a short statement on why you're interested and what you could bring to the role.

If you have any questions about the role please direct them to Jooles Parkin, Deputy Chief Commissioner at joolesp@girlguidinglaser.org.uk

Closing date: Midnight on Sunday 28 April 2024