

Are you ready to Change the World?

What's it all about? Girlguiding UK: Changing the World is a Community Action Project which will run from September 2008 - August 2009. The aim of the Project is to involve all our members in Community Action, with the focus being on action. We will be working with 17 leading UK Charities that will provide unique and exciting Community Action Projects. The Projects have elements of one or more of the following:

Raising Awareness - Raising Funds - Taking direct action



How will it work?

A 'catalogue' will be distributed in September 2008 Guiding Magazine. Leaders will use the Catalogue with the girls in their units to choose a project to take part in. The Catalogue will include a poster to enable younger members to see the projects more clearly.

Leaders will register their interest in projects online. They will then receive further information/Activity Packs from the charity concerned. Most of these Activity Packs will be downloadable resources.

Members will take part in the activities. They will then return to the website to record their actions. The actions carried out will be totalised by Girlguiding UK and a report of how 'we changed the world' will be launched in autumn 2009. Members will be able to buy a badge from Trading Services when they have recorded their action.



What are the projects?

This is a secret! Sorry but we want you to have a real "wow" factor when the projects are launched in September 2008. We can tell you that:

- The Projects have been designed specifically for Girlguiding UK.
- They cover a range of issues and activities.
- They are cross-sectional with age specific elements. There will be something that everyone will want to get involved in.

There are a range of activities, from things to do in the unit meeting place, attending events and working within our local community.



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MESSAGE FROM THE ISLAND COMMISSIONER

We'll be 'Changing the World' from September 2008, in preparation for our Centenary. The Centenary Launch in September '09 is planned for Crystal Palace, where Guiding began - there will be parties UK wide. There are so many opportunities - Rainbows will 'Go Wild,' Brownies will 'Take Over,' and there will be a Big Camp; a Tall Ship will visit the Island with a Guiding crew of 40 and there will be Ultimate Adventures for Senior Section like hiking in the Himalayas.

Don't ever think, "That's not for me and my girls" - of course it is! Get involved and give your girls that "WOW" moment that they will remember for the rest of their lives!

Sandy



Where have you seen Olivia out and about?

Don't forget to send your pictures to the Editor (contact details on back page) for the Region Photographic Competition.

Have you got yours?

The senior sections CD is now out. What do you think? Girlguiding UK would really like to know. You can complete an online questionnaire by following the links from the Girlguiding UK web site or go direct to:

http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/snap/cd/senior_section_cd_evaluation_2008_.htm



NEW QUALIFICATION FOR YOUNG LEADERS

New Young Leader Qualification (YLQ) replaces Making It Count! The YLQ is primarily for 14-16 year olds, but can be applicable up until the age of 18. The new YLQ is essentially most of Modules 1 and 2 of the Leadership Qualification. Details can be found on the Senior Section CD.



1st Onchan Rainbows had a great time when they visited the Lifeboat Station at Douglas. Not only did the girls learn all about the work of the lifeboat and crew, but they also got chance to try on the kits and see the lifeboat up close. They all climbed on board the boat seeing all the different areas and sat in the crew compartment to learn about the different roles performed by each crew member. We all then renewed our promise on board and enrolled our two newest rainbows. One keen Rainbow wondered when we were going to launch!



In December, a surprise presentation was made to June Gawne, Leader of Union Mills Brownies. June, who has given 46 years of service to local Guiding, was presented with the Association's Good Service Brooch for her outstanding contribution to Guiding.

Brownies



Congratulations to Madeleine & Paul Sayle who were married on 1st December in St Lucia



Guides

9th Douglas Guides Celebrated Thinking Day with a trip to India and Nepal. Martina Specht introduced the guides to exotic fruits and the delights of drinking Chi (tealeaves boiled in milk with lots of sugar and spices) an acquired taste! Martina talked about her time living and working in India and Nepal showing the girls lots of photos of people, places and cows. The guides also made cow masks to celebrate Gai Jatra - (p7 Feb Activate). Not wanting to let the girls have all the fun Ira Luxton also tried on a Wedding Sari. The evening concluded with the enrolment of Briony Cannon & Rachel Ward and with all the guides renewing their promise.

PROJECT STREAMLINE

Cutting the red tape of Guiding paperwork. "GO" (Girlguiding Organiser) will revolutionise record keeping. On-line census recording, subscription payment, and automated records so you, the Guider, will be able to update unit records, and each Guider will be able to keep her own details up to date. Are you good at ordering your Tesco's shopping on line? That is how simple the system will be to use. We need 'Key Users' who will lend a hand to the less IT literate. Volunteer now and be at the forefront of change. Contact: Streamline Volunteer, Susan Jones at: jones@manx.net

CENSUS

THANK YOU to everyone for getting their Census completed and in on time!

Calendar

Saturday 29 March	Trefoil Guild All Island AGM, Onchan Methodist Church Hall - 2pm - ALL WELCOME
Sunday 20 April	Wood Working Party, IOM Guide Association (Thornton Duesbury) Wood, The Corony, Maughold - 2pm to 4pm. This is an ALL Island resource - It requires ALL Island to help maintain it.
Sunday 4 May	Rainbows 21st Celebration Event - Cronk y Berry School - 2pm - 4pm
Saturday 14 June	The BT Giant Sleepover 2008
Saturday 4 October	Annual Training Day - Venue: TBC Designed to refresh, enthuse and inspire you. This is your opportunity to meet leaders from all over the Island, share ideas and good Guiding practice. Workshops to develop leadership skills & new programme ideas to inspire you for the year ahead.

Senior Section

WORLD IN ONE CITY THINKING DAY EVENT

**Senior Section Trip to Liverpool
City of Culture - 16th -17th February 2008**

Our Isle of Man Group of twenty Senior Section Members (Rangers & Young Leaders) attended the largest Senior Section event to be held in the UK this year



By 6:30am on Saturday the 16th of February there was a group of sleepy Senior Section members at Ronaldsway Airport. We were due to catch the 7:20am flight to Liverpool which was the location for this year's Thinking Day event 'World in One City'. After we had checked in our bags, (with a few of our group setting off the alarms) we had a few minutes to spare before climbing onto the plane.

When we arrived in Liverpool we travelled on the bus until we reached St Luke's 'The Bombed out Church'. As there were other people on the bus besides us, we had to squash our bags right down into the gap in front of the seat we were sitting on. This resulted in a few of us sitting in rather peculiar positions!

Our bags were sent off to our accommodation when we arrived at the church and we were given fleece hats. Ours were pink which was better than some of the other colours we saw later in the day! We began our workshop, 'Music making from trash' soon after. When we started we were enthusiastic despite the coldness we felt! After a quick break around 11, we were beginning to learn the pieces we would later be performing. The instruments included barrels, plastic piping and a large trumpet. As we broke for lunch, most people tried to find a café so we could warm up! After a quick final practice, (one of the instructors was really getting into it, dance movements and all!) we helped to load the barrels into a van. Then came the time to start to walk to the arena at the Albert Dock.

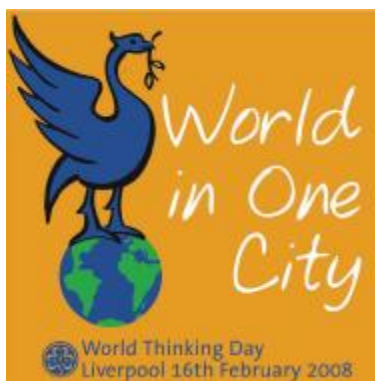
Once we arrived at the dock we were given 50 minutes to look around. We had some pancakes but we were soon meeting the rest of our group to enter the Echo Arena. It was exciting walking up to this new structure and I managed to walk into a lamppost! Eventually we entered the arena and had some time to take in our surroundings before the event started! We were playing first with some of the other groups walking around the centre with lanterns they had made during the day. We got a real buzz from performing our piece and then we settled down to watch the rest of the show. There was a really wide variety of acts, creating a thoroughly enjoyable performance!



After the performance we were instructed to meet 'the lady with the yellow glowstick' and she took us to Chinatown, where we would have our dinner. It was a buffet and we could take some of everything we wanted. It was a good job the restaurant was big because there were loads of Rangers eating there, not only our group!

Subsequently we caught the bus to Liverpool Hope University, where we were sleeping. Before that, there was a disco in the Great Hall. Not everyone went, but I did and it was really good! We had a performance by Insanity Beach followed by a disco. We were supposed to be sleeping in the Great Hall but instead we were put in a room nearby. That was lucky, because we later heard that people staying in the Great Hall got no sleep because they couldn't turn the lights off!

After we woke up early, we had some breakfast, before packing up our things and leaving the Uni. We walked to Lime Street Station where we dropped off our bags ready for the day ahead of us! We arrived at the bus stop for our bus tour only to get bored waiting and decided to cross the road to Burger King for breakfast instead! Consequently, we had a whole day of shopping ahead of us. In order to cover the shops we wanted to visit we had to walk very fast. We all met at the Giant Television at 3:30pm for a quick snack before walking to Lime Street Station to collect our bags. We caught the bus back to the airport but the bus was a lot quieter this time! Everyone was tired - it was too much effort to talk!



Our Flight was delayed 50 minutes but that didn't really make a great deal of difference to us. By 8: 45pm we had landed in the IOM. The end of a brilliant trip we will all remember forever!

**Heather Booth
Southern Rangers**

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