



This month's news:

- Celebrating the End of the Guiding Year
- Irish Girl Guides at Áras an Uachtaráin
- Life Below Water Badge Launch
- Can You Volunteer?
- Hi Digital Programme with Vodafone Foundation

Dear friend,

Many of our Units around the country celebrated the end of their Guiding years with outdoor events, camping, and other festivities. We hope everyone has a delightful summer and has an eager return to Guiding in September!





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**Irish Girl Guides at Áras an Uachtaráin**



President Michael D. Higgins hosted a Garden Party at Áras an Uachtaráin Wednesday, 21 June, celebrating women's advocacy groups.

At this event, Chief Commissioner Amanda O'Sullivan and President Deirdre Henley represented Irish Girl Guides.

The president's garden parties celebrate the work of people and organisations which promote a fairer, more inclusive and creative Ireland.



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## Life Below Water Badge Launch



Irish Girl Guides commemorated World Ocean Day 8 June with the official launch of our SDG 14 Life Below Water Badge.

About 100 girls spent the day at Galway Atlantaquaria learning about sea life and conservation and doing a beach clean at Grattan Beach.

The Life Below Water badge highlights one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identified by the UN to become a blueprint for peace and prosperity throughout the planet. It joins other SDG badges including SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 13 Climate Action Badge, and SDG 12 Responsible Consumerism, which were developed in partnership with organisations such as Irish Aid and Trocaire.



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**Can You Volunteer?**



Make friends and make a difference. We need volunteers for the upcoming Guiding year.

If you'd like to get involved in Irish Girl Guides, [visit this link](#).

## Hi Digital Programme with Vodafone Foundation



We are in a partnership with Vodafone Foundation and their [HiDigital programme](#) for older people in our communities.

We continue to run training sessions to help roll out the programme across Ireland.

That's all for today. If you have any queries or items, please email [communications@irishgirlguides.ie](mailto:communications@irishgirlguides.ie).

Kind regards,

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