



This month's news:

Grand Opening Celebrations at our National Training Centre
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Dear friend,



This month we celebrated the opening of our National Training Centre in Tallaght with a grand opening celebration as well as a partners and friends lunch event.

We were fortunate to welcome the Mayor of South Dublin and also some of our valuable partners who help enable our mission of enabling girls to become global citizens. Thank you especially to:

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National Women's Council of Ireland
National Youth Council of Ireland
South Dublin County Council and South Dublin Libraries
Vodafone Foundation

for helping us usher in a new era of Irish Girl Guides!



Trail Blazers Recognised at National Guide Awards



Congratulations to the more than 130 Guides recognised at Midlands Park Hotel in Portlaoise and who received their Trail Blazer Awards at the National Guide Awards, IGG's highest honour and the first national event of its kind since the pandemic began.

“These girls stand tall and are true trailblazers,” said Carina Egan, outgoing Guide Branch Chair and organiser of the awards. “I have been honoured to be a part of celebrating and acknowledging the dedication on display and these girls’ achievements. By completing a series of challenges that stress teamwork, the outdoors, our communities, global citizenship, and mentoring those younger than them, these Guides have developed confidence and independence that will carry with them for years.”

Chief Commissioner of IGG, Amanda O’Sullivan, echoed these sentiments. “I am delighted for everyone here,” she said. “It has been an honour and a privilege to watch them grow and to become strong, independent young women. They embody the true spirit of Guiding and represent the best of Irish Girl Guides.”



Duleek Guides Best New Group Award



Duleek Guides won Best New Group at the 2023 Laytown Bettystown Municipal District Pride of Place awards.

Duleek Guides were formed in September 2022 and their members have been learning life skills, developing teamwork skills, and growing in self confidence since then. They also have raised money for the Irish Cancer Society and Childrens Health Ireland.

Thank you to Leaders Liz Carolan, Soracha Bell, Sinead Poznanski, Rachel Seery and Barbara McLoughlin who have volunteered their time to make this possible.

Brownie Quizzes



Our Brownies have been challenging themselves answering questions about Guiding, general knowledge, and pop culture with Brownie Quizzes!

They have started with Unit quizzes and can move up to compete against others in their Areas and Districts, Regions, and eventually to the Finals which will take place 9 December at our National Training Centre!

Great congratulations to all who have taken part so far, and good luck to the winners who will go on to represent their Regions!

That's all for today. If you have any queries or items, please email communications@irishgirlguides.ie.

Kind regards,

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