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Dear friend,

Welcome! We have just begun another Guiding year and things are getting into full swing. Be sure to follow us on our social media channels to get all the latest happenings at Irish Girl Guides.



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## Irish Girl Guides and Vodafone Teaching Digital Skills to Older People



Vodafone Foundation has begun a partnership with Irish Girl Guides to help close the digital divide between generations. The Guides have become a partner of Vodafone Foundation's Hi Digital initiative, which brings digital skills, training and support directly to older people across the country. More than 800

Girl Guides will be trained as 'digital champions' who will in turn support more than 3,000 older people in to improve online and digital skills.

These digital champions will introduce the older people to hidigital.ie – a free online learning platform developed by Vodafone Foundation. Everyone involved will earn a certificate and the Girl Guides will also earn a new Hi Digital Badge.

The course is split into short lessons which teach people how to access the Internet, use smartphones and stay safe online. The programme aims to create a more connected community, reducing loneliness and isolation among the older population.

[Read more here.](#)

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## Irish Girl Guides Receives Gold Health Quality Mark



IGG was awarded its seventh Gold Health Quality Mark from National Youth Council of Ireland!

Brid Collins, National Youth Health Programme Health Promotion Officer, presented the Gold HQM plaque to IGG at our new National Training Centre in Tallaght in recognition of our work on health promotion in the organisation.

IGG has successfully maintained the Gold Standard in Health Promotion since the award was launched in 2001.



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## Celebrating 50 Years of Service



Irish Girl Guide held its Annual Guide Meeting last month.

Here Maureen Murphy and Mary Stack were bestowed their 50-year service pins for their longstanding devotion and dedication to Irish Girl Guides and the girls and young women we support!

Congratulations to both on this achievement and their work with IGG!

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## Layla's Story - NYCI





"From a young age, I was different from my peers. I went to a primary school where there were only three people of colour."

Last week NYCI wrote about Layla, who is a Leader in Centenary Guides in Dundrum. View the entire post and sign their open letter calling for the Government to [support more young people here](#).

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## Convoy Brownies Member Jessica Reaches Junior Eurovision Final



Jessica, a member of Convoy Brownies, has reached the final of the Irish selection for the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2023!

Voting for the finals are still open. [Read more here](#).

Congratulations Jessica!

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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