



Company Limited by Guarantee

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Effective from: April 2017
Designated person responsible: Chief Commissioner and CEO
Overall responsibility: IGG Board (Executive committee)
Last Reviewed: Sept 2023 To be reviewed: Sept 2026

Membership Policy of the Irish Girl Guides

This policy is derived from the *Constitution and Bye-Laws*.

- The Irish Girl Guides is a self-governing body. Membership is voluntary and open to all who live their lives as female and accept the Guide Law and Promise. The Association is independent from any political organisation or any political party.
- The Irish Girl Guides is open to girls of every faith, and the religious beliefs of all are respected. Through Guiding girls are helped and encouraged to deepen their spiritual faith in accordance with the enrolment Promise.
- The Irish Girl Guides is a Component Association of the Council of Irish Guiding Associations which is a full member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
- The seat of the Association is at Dublin, Ireland.
- The management of the Irish Girl Guides is volunteer led. Voting members of the Board (Executive Committee), voting members of the Programme and Training Committee, and Area Commissioners shall be volunteers. The direction and control of the Irish Girl Guides shall be in accordance with the IGG CLG Constitution and Bye Laws.
- To become a member of the Irish Girl Guides one must be resident in the Republic of Ireland.
- All office holders in the Irish Girl Guides must be resident in the Republic of Ireland.
- The Irish Girl Guides shall comprise:
 - Ladybird Guides
 - Brownie Guides
 - Guides
 - Senior Branch members
 - Trefoil Guild members
 - Commissioners, adult Leaders, Non-Unit Volunteers, Associated Members and Past Members.

Annual Subscription

Membership of the Irish Girl Guides is maintained through the payment of a subscription fee which is annually renewable.

Membership for non-residents

Irish students attending colleges abroad are considered residents of Ireland, and as such can retain their membership of the Irish Girl Guides. Members of IGG who work in WAGGGS World Centres are also entitled to keep their membership of IGG.

Members who travel or live abroad may continue to be members for up to two years after which their screening process must be redone upon return to Ireland.