

## HOW CAN GIRLS ATTEND THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

**Division International Selections** take place once a year, and if girls want to take part in an International Opportunity, they should attend. There may be games, ice-breakers, opportunities to ask questions, a short interview and more. This allows Leaders to get to know the girls and assess whether they might be suitable for an International Opportunity. Some girls are then selected to go forward for County International Selection.

**County International Selection** is similar to Division International Selection and is usually a residential event taking place over a weekend.

When invitations for camps and other opportunities are received (this may take several weeks, so don't worry if at first you don't hear anything), girls are matched to the right opportunity and contacted by either their Division International Adviser or the County International Adviser.

Hopefully, this leaflet has answered any questions you have. If you think of anything else, your Division International Adviser will be happy to talk to you.

One thing we can promise is that girls taking part are given once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that they will never forget, so please do encourage them to find out more.

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## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN GIRLGUIDING STAFFORDSHIRE

### A Parental Guide



## COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT GIRLGUIDING INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES...

### WHAT IS AN INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITY?

An International Opportunity is a camp or holiday for Guides and/or Senior Section which allows them to meet other Guides, and sometimes Scouts, from around the world and experience different cultures.

### WHAT WILL THEY BE DOING?

Anything and everything! They may participate in activities like they would experience on a camp here in Staffordshire, sightseeing, community or environmental projects, challenges and more. Whatever the international opportunity entails, it will give them memories to last a lifetime.

### WHO WILL SHE GO WITH?

Although girls may not know each other when they get selected for trips, groups will meet up beforehand so that everyone can get to know each other. Girls may come from Staffordshire, the Midlands Region or from other parts of the UK.

### WHERE DO GIRLS STAY ON INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES?

This varies depending on the opportunity, but common examples might be on a camp, staying at a World Centre or spending part of the opportunity in home hospitality with a foreign Guide.

Countries in which these opportunities take place also vary and this depends on invitations. Girls from Staffordshire have been to countries in Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Australia and Asia. There are also opportunities to attend international camps in the UK for girls who aren't ready to go abroad yet.



### WHEN DO THESE OPPORTUNITIES TAKE PLACE?

Usually these take place in the school holidays and mainly in the summer. There may be occasions when a few days of school have to be missed.

### WHO HAS ADULT RESPONSIBILITY ON

### INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES?

Groups have a minimum of two leaders, who have been through a selection process. You can rest assured that they have the necessary skills and qualifications to take girls on these opportunities and you will be able to meet with them before the trip.

### HOW WILL THE TRIP BE FUNDED?

Trips are paid for through fundraising. It is the girl's responsibility to raise funds, supported by Guiders, Commissioners and International Advisors. Fundraising is used for the cost of the trip and any uniform needed. Equipment can be borrowed, or if bought through fundraising will become the property of the Division after the trip. Personal equipment must be bought or received as gifts.