

Volunteer role information

Peer education coordinator

(county and country/region)

Why Girlguiding?

Become an inspiring role model for our members and help empower girls to be their best. Join our nearly 370,000 members, with over 24,000 groups meeting weekly powered by over 80,000 volunteers.

Why we love this role

Our peer educators are young members aged 14-25 who we train to lead fun and interactive sessions on important topics to Brownies, Guides and Rangers. They play an important part in giving their fellow members a great experience.

As a peer education coordinator, you'll support our peer educators to do their role brilliantly. You'll help them grow their leadership skills - supporting them to step up, build their confidence and make a difference. You'll get to see young people go from their first (often nerve-wracking!) workshop to becoming confident and competent facilitators.

Some of our past peer educators have gone on to get jobs involving training and leading workshops. Your support could be instrumental in giving young women these opportunities and changing their lives.

Some of what you'll do:

- Link up peer educators with leaders in your area who want a peer education session.
- Organise and help lead training events - either day-long, residential or virtual - to grow the number of peer educators in your area and develop the skills of members already in the role.
- Promote the peer education programme and share your passion with others.
- Work with peer educators to develop their skills through a personal development plan.
- Bring together networks of peer educators to help share skills and experiences and support one another.
- Celebrate the amazing things peer educators do and support them to get their badges.
- Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. You'll help safeguard the peer educators and the people they run workshops with. You'll also support them if something difficult comes up during a session.

You can find out more about our peer educator programme on our [peer education web hub](#).

What training and support do you get?

You'll get:

- Access to lots of training resources, including our [introduction to peer education e-learning](#) and our other e-learning courses
- Guidance documents which give you the information you need to do your role
- Information on how to deliver events, as well as access to our [Going Away With scheme](#)
- Support to follow Girlguiding's [policies](#)

If you're a country/region coordinator you'll get direct support from your country/region staff and country/region volunteer team (often the chief commissioner or someone they've appointed). You'll also get access to tools to help make a local plan for peer education. You'll be able to go to meetings with the national peer education specialist volunteer, and the staff team at HQ too. These take place about once every three months.

If you're a county coordinator you'll have support from your county team, country/region coordinator and other county coordinators, who can share their knowledge and skills. You'll be able to see your peer educators on GO, to help you support and volunteer with them.

What skills and attributes do you need?

You'll need:

- To be organised**
This is key to being a coordinator. You'll need to be able to answer emails, book venues and manage enquiries - all the nuts and bolts of effective coordination.
- To have good communication skills**
Your role will involve finding new and interesting ways to promote the peer education programme - be that at events, or on social media or webpages.
- To be enthusiastic**
You should be passionate about the peer education programme and seeing young people thrive.

Skills you'll develop:

- You'll take your organisational skills to the next level.
- You'll expand your event management skills by putting on training events (either day-long or residential).
- You'll learn how to develop young people, supporting them to reach their own goals and explore new skills.
- You'll develop your knowledge and understanding of safeguarding - how to keep everyone safe while doing amazing activities, and what to do if you're worried about someone.

Quick requirement check

1. Disclosure check: **yes**
2. A Safe Space Level: **1, 2 and 3**
3. Attends meetings: **no**

We're keen to hear from volunteers of all backgrounds, abilities, races, sexual orientations, socio-economic backgrounds, and of all faiths and none. We're flexible, and volunteering can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle. Girlguiding is committed to making reasonable adjustments to support disabled volunteers so they have access to the same opportunities and experiences as non-disabled volunteers.

Please note this is a volunteer role and does not form part of any contract of employment.