

Brief History of CGI...

- 1909** Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts calls a rally at Crystal Palace in London and some girls attending this event say that they are Girl Scouts. From this he decides that they will have their own name and movement
- 1910** Baden Powell starts the movement for girls and calls it Girl Guides and asks his older sister Agnes to run it
- 1926** The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts forms to link Guides all around the world
- 1928** A Girl Guide Association called Clanna Bríde is established in Ireland
- 1933** The title of our Association (Clanna Bríde) changes to Bantreoraíthe Catoilicí na hÉireann – Catholic Guides of Ireland
- 1935** The Association is reorganised on a Diocesan level, each Diocese having responsibility for its own companies
- 1972** The federation of the Catholic Girl Guides of Ireland is formed
- 1977** Our Association is restructured as Banóglagh Catoilicí na hÉireann – Catholic Guides of Ireland 'CGI'
- 1992** In December 1992, it is agreed to establish Comhairle Bantreoraíthe na hÉireann – Council of Irish Guiding Associations (CIGA) on behalf of the Catholic Guides of Ireland resident in Republic of Ireland and the Irish Girl Guides
- 1993** At the 28th World Conference, CIGA is ratified as a full member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), and is recognised as continuing the full membership for Ireland, first gained by The Irish Girl Guides in 1932
- 1994** Our youngest section 'Cygnet Guides' is established
- 1996** The official launch of our Cygnet section is held
- 1999** Ireland hosts the 30th World Conference of WAGGGS in University College Dublin
- 2003** Catholic Guides of Ireland celebrate their 75th Anniversary with many exciting events
- 2006** Our new programme 'CHOICES' is launched
- 2008** Catholic Guides of Ireland is 80 years old!

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Girl Guides

give it a go!



Catholic Guides of Ireland

Do you answer 'YES' to the questions below?

Are you over 17?

Do you like working with
children?

Are you ready to join in
and have fun?

Have you an hour or two to
spare?

Have you a sense of
humour?

- If so, why not consider joining us?
- No experience necessary, we will provide all training
- No upper age limit



About CGI...

The Catholic Guides of Ireland is a voluntary organisation operating in both the Republic and Northern Ireland. It is open to all girls and women regardless of religion.

Guiding invites you to fulfil many of the challenges that life has to offer through participation both as an individual as well as part of a company, in the rich and varied programme of indoor and outdoor activities.

We have been operating since 1928.

Mission Statement...

The Catholic Guides of Ireland (CGI) is a volunteer-driven youth organisation, which provides a challenging Guiding Programme within a safe environment, to enable all girls and young women to develop their full potential.



Cygnets Guides...

Age 5 - 6/7



The Cygnet meeting is based on fun and play activities including: art, craft and singing plus many other activities. The Cygnet Guide programme is called 'Look What I Can Do!'



Brigín Guides...

Age 6/7 - 10/11



A balance of activities is encouraged in a programme of fun, friendship and activity and includes a mixture of games, interest badges, indoor camping and many other challenging adventures.

The Brigín Guide programme is called 'Let's Do It!'



Guides...

Age 10/11 - 17



Guides enjoy a flexible programme which encourages leadership through the patrol system, the building up of self esteem and confidence. They enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

The Guide programme is called 'Count Me In!'



Ranger Guides...

Age 14 - 19



Ranger Guides thrive on a varied range of activities from camping to challenging individual and group projects based on the interests of the group. They make their own decisions and plan and share group responsibilities.

The Ranger Guide programme is called 'Get With It!'

You can volunteer to help with any of these sections or with the general administration of our organisation.

Even if you don't feel you have enough time to give a weekly commitment we at CGI are always glad of volunteers no matter how little time they can give.