

Action for Change Member Role Description

Action for Change is a new, exciting project we're running this year. If you're aged 14 to 25 and are passionate about making a difference in your community then this is the project for you! Join Action for Change and be part of something amazing.

We're looking for enthusiastic members to run social action projects and campaigns making change to their local communities. Your project can be as big or small as you like so long as it makes a positive change to the wider world. You might like to create a "Community Action" club in your school, or you may wish to campaign nationally for a change in a law or on an issue that's important to you. It's completely your call.

What will I do?

Your year in Action for Change will start with an exciting residential weekend with other young members from your Region. You'll be talking ideas and inspiration and get help to start planning the difference you can make. There'll be lots of skills builder workshops, activities, inspiring speakers and time to talk and think. There'll also be time to socialise with other members, and have fun together.

You'll be assigned a volunteer Network Coordinator who will support and assist you throughout the year, and you'll be part of the huge Action for Change network in the North West as well. As part of your year you might be writing blogs, talking to people in your local area, making a video, doing some creative design or organising an event. Whatever you want to change, we'll support you to make it happen in your own way.

At the end of your year in Action for Change we'll be recognising your achievements and efforts with a celebration event.

Girlguiding will send you loads of regular exciting news and opportunities and you'll play a key role in shaping our national advocacy and campaigns to make girls' lives better. And you'll get help to package it all up to look fantastic on your CV, and get a badge at the end, of course!

What will I get out of Action for Change?

Action for Change is your chance to turn your ideas into action. You'll be making a real impact on people's lives and changing the world around you for the better. You'll get the opportunity to make a real difference in your community, develop new skills and get free training. Skills might include...

- project planning
- persuasive communications - written and verbal
- powerful storytelling
- using social media for change

- writing about your experience on the project for your CV!
- and lots more

You'll be leading the way for other girls and young women across the UK. Action for Change will enable you to actively champion girls' views across your Region. And we hope you'll make some fantastic new friends who share your interests through the network.

The support we'll offer

Your Network Coordinator will keep in touch with you and give you help and guidance via phone, email and social media. You'll get to meet your Network Coordinator at the inspiration event on Friday 8 - Sunday 10 September 2017 at Waddow Hall.

The Action for Change project staff - in your Region and Girlguiding HQ - will always be there to answer your questions and motivate you on your way. We'll support the network to help everyone help each other and make the network a safe and supportive group for you.

We will make every effort to support any additional needs you may have and all girls aged 14 - 25 in Girlguiding are welcome to apply.

Your Commitment and Responsibilities

The inspiration weekend is a key part of Action for Change and you must be free to attend the whole weekend programme. The weekend event is completely free and all travel, accommodation and food expenses are covered by Girlguiding. You'll just need to pay a £10 deposit that will be completely refunded after you have attended the weekend along with your travel expenses.

If you have any queries about this or need to speak to someone about travel expenses please email northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk or call 01772 791 947.

Date: Friday 8 - Sunday 10 September - *Please note you will need to arrive on the Friday evening for optional social activities, and the programme will take place throughout Saturday and Sunday.*

Location: - Girlguiding Waddow Hall, Clitheroe, Waddington Road, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 3LD

- Plan and manage your own social action project or campaign with a commitment of at least a year
- Undertake any training that may be helpful to your project
- Keep in regular contact with a "Network Coordinator" who will support you throughout your project and take part in phone or online discussions that are planned

- Provide updates to Region or CHQ as requested

Who can apply?

You don't need to have any particular skills or to have done anything similar before to be part of Action for Change. We're particularly interested to hear from you if you have an idea for something you'd like to change but are not sure where to start, or feel that you might not have the confidence or specific skills to make it happen.

We welcome applications from all members aged 14 - 25 and particularly encourage applicants from minority groups.

We're looking for young people who are:

- Members of Girlguiding aged between 14 to 25
- Enthusiastic and passionate about the chosen subject of your project
- If you don't yet have an idea for a project but you're really keen on getting involved with social action and campaigning then please do still apply, we will help you think of a project that fits your interests.
- Interested in developing new skills

How do I apply?

To apply, you need to complete the following registration form - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AFCnwym> by 9am on Wednesday 5 July 2017.

For more information about Action for Change, and the roles within the project please check the Region website www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk. If you're interested in applying then please complete the application form on the Region website.

For any queries or additional information please contact us at northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk or call 01772 791 947.