

Some Important Events in Irish Guiding

- 1911 First Guide Company started in Harold's Cross, Dublin
- 1914 Brownies (initially called 'Rosebuds') were started
- 1914-1918 During these years Guides collected sphagnum moss and made it into dressings. They knitted for soldiers and also acted as hospital orderlies and helped in canteens.
- 1915 There were enough Guides to hold a display at the Metropolitan Hall, Dublin. Lord Baden-Powell attended a Rally in Merrion Square, Dublin.
- 1916 First 'Camp' was held in a cottage in Kiltarnan, Co. Dublin and a competition for a shield was held in Lord Iveagh's grounds behind the National University, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin.
- 1918 Rally with Guides, Scouts and Brownies. The Ross Cup was presented by Lady Ross. Originally it was presented to an individual Guide between the ages of 14 and 19 for needlework, child hygiene and meatless cookery.
- 1920 First Ranger Unit started.
- 1924 Rally in Lord Iveagh's grounds – the salute being taken by Lady Powerscourt, then Deputy Chief Commissioner.
- 1925 Rally at the Metropolitan Hall, Dublin.
- 1926 An entertainment at the Theatre Royal, Dublin.
- 1927 One Leader and five Guides went to an International Camp for the first time, in Geneva. The first Sea Guides were registered in Clontarf, Dublin.
- 1928 Lord and Lady Baden-Powell were present at Rallies in Dublin and Cork. The first swimming gala was held at the Iveagh Baths, Dublin.
- 1929 Lady Powerscourt was appointed Chief Commissioner. As Ireland now had Dominion status the organisation was called 'The Irish Free State Girl Guides'. Mrs. Leigh White was appointed Deputy Chief Commissioner.
- 1932 The Irish Girl Guides became the member of WAGGGS for Ireland.
- The first International camp was held during the Eucharistic Congress in Phoenix Park. Nine nations sent representatives.
- A Thanksgiving Service was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, for 21 years of Guiding in Ireland.
- 1937 'Old Guides' Association started.
- 1938 Mrs. Leigh White was appointed Director of the World Bureau.
- Name was changed from 'The Irish Free State Girl Guides' to 'The Irish Girl Guides'. The new Irish Trefoil badge with Celtic Knot design in the centre was approved.
- 1939 A party went to a large World Camp in Hungary called 'Paxting'.
- During the Second World War members collected sphagnum moss and made wound dressings; grew food; sent clothing abroad; helped in Red Cross depots in Cork and Dublin; assembled gas masks and sent money for relief to European countries.
- 1941 Lord Baden-Powell, Founder and Chief Scout, died. Memorial Services were held in Dublin and Cork.

- 1943 It was decided to build a memorial cottage to "B.P." at Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.
Handcraft Exhibition in the Mansion House, Dublin.
First edition of "*Trefoil News*" issued.
- 1946 Camp at St. Columba's College, for Dutch and French Guides who had had difficult times during the war. The plane carrying the French Guides crashed on the Dublin mountains. There were no fatalities but most spent their time in hospital.
Miss E. Moore of Cork went to Austria as part of a team sent by the World Bureau to help in relief work. The IGG raised funds for this project.
Rally in the National Stadium, Dublin, attended by the World Chief Guide.
- 1948 Rally in Lord Iveagh's grounds.
Handcraft Exhibition in Mansion House, Dublin.
Guide Feis held.
- 1950 Memorial Cottage, Enniskerry opened by Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide.
- 1952 Guide and Scout Rally at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.
- 1953 Formation of the Irish Trefoil Guild to provide an organisation for enrolled members who on ceasing to be actively connected with Guiding, wished to remain in the Movement.
- 1954 Handcraft Exhibition opened by Dame Leslie Whateley, Director of World Bureau.
- 1956 International Gathering at Enniskerry Cottage, with adjoining camp.
Rally at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.
- 1957 Old Guides and the Trefoil Guild joined the "International Fellowship of Former Guides and Scouts."
- 1958 The first company for handicapped children started in Cork Orthopaedic Hospital.
Rally at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.
- 1959 Visit of the World Chief Guide to Dublin and Cork.
Sale in Mansion House, Dublin.
Addition of dining room and an extension to the kitchen at the Memorial Cottage, Enniskerry.
- 1960 International Promise and Law session at Trinity Hall, Dublin.
Leigh Dale Cottage in Cork opened by Dame Leslie Whateley.
- 1961 50 years of Guiding in Ireland.
Concert in the Olympia Theatre, Dublin.
Golden Jubilee, International Camp at Blarney, Co. Cork
- 1964 World Association Course for Trainers held at An Grianán, Termonfeckin.
Members took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parades in Dublin, Cork and Limerick for the first time.

- 1966 National Camp at Blessington, Co. Wicklow.
- 1969 Thinking Day Pageant in the Concert Hall, R.D.S., Dublin.
Brownie uniform was changed from brown to blue.
- 1970 European Conservation Year. Members of IGG attended a weekend at Avondale for Guides, joined in the coastal dead bird counts, planted trees and berried bushes, cut ivy from trees, used An Foras Forbatha record cards, joined in many anti-litter campaigns, arranged competitions. New conservation badges were drawn up.
Festival of Guiding in Cork.
- 1971 The Diamond Jubilee of the IGG
Jubilee Thanksgiving Services held in St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Franciscan Church, Merchant's Quay, Dublin.
International Jubilee Trail organised – representatives from five countries joined in a coach tour around Ireland.
National Camp at the Curragh, Co. Kildare.
Rally at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.
The Cork Guide Shop officially opened – the first Guide shop outside Dublin.
New IGG Flag (emerald green with the gold trefoil of the Irish Girl Guides in the centre) was adopted.
- 1973 Due to the growth in numbers and for easier organisation, the administration of the association was divided into seven Regions.
- 1974 Headquarters moved from 16, St. Stephen's Green to 27, Pembroke Park.
Two Guides were sent to Lourdes as a result of a collection of Green Shield Stamps by members.
- 1975 Rangers took part in first "Ventact" camp at Larch Hill, Co. Dublin.
National Camp at Kilruddery, Co. Wicklow.
- 1977 Death of Olave, Lady Baden-Powell C.B.E., World Chief Guide on June 25th.
Thanksgiving Services for her life and work were held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin and St. Finbarr's Cathedral, Cork.
Ireland hosted the 4th European Regional Scout/Guide Conference at Killarney
- 1980 National Camp at Emo, Co. Laois.
- 1981 70 years of Guiding in Ireland
Guide concert at the R.D.S., Dublin, a culmination of Regional events.
56,000 daffodil bulbs were planted all over Ireland; money was raised for the Irish Kidney Association and a portable kidney dialysis unit purchased.
The first 'Camp Curlew' for disabled and able-bodied Guides was run to commemorate the Year of the Handicapped.
Festival of Guiding in Cork, opened and attended by President Hillery.
An Irish speaking camp was held at Cape Clear.
- 1982 Young Advisors Council (YACs) was set up by Executive to get feedback from 18 – 30 year olds.

- Opening by Mrs. Childers of the second extension to the National Memorial Cottage dedicated to the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide.
- Young Leader Scheme formed for 15 – 18 year olds under the auspices of the National Training Committee.
- 1984 IGG donated Irish carpets to the Olave Centre in London.
- Three Rangers from Cork were the first IGG team to participate in the Explorer Belt in Sweden.
- 1985 International Youth Year - Members took part in IYY Tree Planting Programme.
- IGG's theme was 'TREES' – Thanksgiving, Regions, Ecumenical, Environment, Service.
- Ecumenical Peace Service in St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra.
- Two National Environmental Training Weekends held at National Memorial Cottage and Lissadell, Co. Sligo.
- National Youth Forum organised by Young Advisors' Council (YACs).
- Common Project Day in April to promote Guiding and Scouting in local communities.
- IGG's forerunner to the Chief Commissioner's Award was held in Connemara, Co. Galway.
- 1986 75 years of Guiding in Ireland
- Range of special souvenirs produced to mark the occasion.
- Celebration and Thanksgiving in the National Concert Hall, Dublin.
- The IGG Trust Corporation formed to hold all IGG property.
- National Camp at Ballyfin, Co. Laois.
- 1988 Mrs. Frances Dwyer became the first Irish member of the Olave Baden-Powell Society.
- 1989 Ms Elspeth Henderson elected Chairman of the WAGGGS Europe Region Committee.
- New structures at management level introduced.
- Launch of Ladybird Branch.
- 1990 New "Handbook for Leaders" produced.
- Creation of the National Development Committee to look after programme and training.
- Forty children from Chernobyl hosted by the Four Guide and Scout Associations.
- Guide uniform changed.
- 1991 80 years of Guiding in Ireland
- International Camp at Mellary, Co. Waterford.
- 'Trees for Africa' project resulted in 50,000 trees being planted in Tanzania.
- Second party of Chernobyl children hosted by IGG
- 1992 Official Theme: 'Into Europe with Guiding'

- 'Fast Forward' project raised a total of £67,000 enabling the purchase of 37 motorised wheelchairs.
- Standing Camps staffed by members of Senior Branch as a summer employment scheme were held for the first time in four Regions.
- Leaders' uniform changed.
- 1993 Official Theme: 'Year of the Outdoors'.
- Council of Irish Guiding Associations (CIGA) became the member of WAGGGS for Ireland at the World Conference in Denmark.
- IGG chosen by WAGGGS to be the link with the Republic of Georgia, to help with the development of Guiding.
- IGG took part in the Four Associations Outdoor Awards.
- Brownie uniform changed.
- Chief Commissioner's Award held in Dingle, Co. Kerry
- 1994 Official Theme: 'The Year of the Family'
- Headquarters' extension officially opened by Mrs. Frances Dwyer.
- Annual Meeting of the Olave Baden-Powell Society hosted in Ireland.
- 1995 Official Theme: 'Celebrating Youth'
- Peace Pack project, launched in conjunction with CGI and Girlguiding Ulster.
- 3,433 packs for refugee children sent to the Republic of Georgia.
- Chief Commissioner's Award held in Wicklow.
- 1996 Six Association Theme: 'Year of Peace'
- Activity packs produced for each age group
- Campa Cairde International Camp at Ballyfin, Co. Laois
- Mote Park Cottage, Roscommon opened by President Mary Robinson.
- Coach park at National Memorial Cottage, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, opened by Mrs. Liz McManus, T.D.
- CIGA bid to host 1999 World Conference successful.
- Service Project for refugee children in Republic of Georgia.
- 1997 Guiding Pins sold as PR/Fundraising exercise.
- Guide Law updated, following consultation with members.
- Mission Statement issued.
- Code of Ethics and screening procedure introduced.
- Trefoil Guilds opened in Sligo, Carlow and Galway.
- International Scout and Guide Fellowship West European Gathering held in Dublin.
- Mail Order Catalogue fundraising scheme.
- Chief Commissioner's Award held in The Burren, Co. Clare.
- 1998 Building World Citizenship packs produced for all Branches
- New programmes launched for Brownies and Guides

- Certificate courses in Youth and Community Work commenced in two Regions
- IGG training scheme received WAGGGS accreditation
- Website set up for IGG
- Service Project for refugee children in Republic of Georgia
- “Dream Team” peace initiative involved many cross-border links
- 1999 Ladybird Guides celebrated their 10th birthday
- CIGA hosted the 30th World Conference in Dublin
- Camp Aisling held in conjunction with the World Conference
- Health Promoting Youth Service Initiative undertaken in conjunction with NYCI
- IGG awarded a Gold Gulbenkian Citizenship Award and WAGGGS UNHCR Award for service projects in the Republic of Georgia
- Chief Commissioner’s Award held on Achill Island, Co. Mayo
- Certificate and Diploma courses in Youth and Community Work continue in 3 Regions
- 2000 Millennium Day when 400 adult leaders celebrated Guiding
- Numbered challenge packs produced for leaders
- Brownie and Guide Programme books produced for girls
- Young People’s Facilities and Services Fund grant used for drug awareness trainings for leaders and peer education trainings for girls
- National Council for Vocational Awards course on youth work began for IGG leaders
- Friendship Knot award launched for three Irish Guiding organisations
- Golden Bootlace Award for leaders initiated
- Service project in the Republic of Georgia
- Almost 2000 shoeboxes filled by IGG members for Operation Christmas Child
- 2001 90 years of Guiding in Ireland
- Celebration of International Year of Volunteers – car stickers and pins produced
- NCVA certificates awarded to Health Initiative participants
- Foot and Mouth Disease closed all IGG Units for several weeks
- “Sahan” programme packs on Somalia produced in partnership with Trócaire
- Diane Dixon elected to Europe Committee WAGGGS
- National Conference and 90th Birthday Banquet held in Maynooth College
- President’s Woggle introduced to replace 10-year service pin
- Chief Commissioner’s Award held in West Cork
- Sports Day in Dublin City University
- IGG’s own Outdoor Award launched
- Mince pies sold in conjunction with CREW Network

- 2002 IGG archive material donated to the National Archives
Certificate course in Youth Work Practice for Senior Branch
Review of Guides' and Leaders' uniforms
Evaluation of third triennium of CIGA
Elsbeth Henderson elected to the World Board
Solas '02 International Camp at Charleville, Co. Cork
Kenya Service Project, "Harambee"
Review and publication of The Handbook of the Irish Girl Guides
- 2003 IGG's Recruitment and Retention book published
Review of age brackets within Ladybird, Brownie, Guide and Senior Branch carried out
Spirituality Team set up
National Conference held in Maynooth
Twenty IGG Leaders took part in a service project for Serbian children in conjunction with the charity Samaritan's Purse
Chief Commissioner's Award held in the Knockmealdown mountains
Health Promotion Packs published for Ladybirds, Brownies and Guides/Senior Branch
IGG awarded the Gold Health Q Mark as a health-promoting youth organisation
- 2004 Exploring Spirituality workshop held in Wicklow
Commissioners' Training Day held in three different venues
'Dance to a Different Beat' development education day held in Newbridge for 500 members
IGG's contribution to the European Year of People with Disabilities recognised
Diane Dixon elected as Chairman of Europe Committee WAGGGS
- 2005 First IGG Photography Competition held
National Conference held in Liffey Valley, Dublin
Chief Commissioner's Award held in Donegal
'Guiding' module approved by FETAC (Further Education and Training Awards Council)
Reporting Officers appointed by IGG
International Handbook revised
Elsbeth Henderson elected Chairman of the WAGGGS World Board
'Go Global' international awareness day held
New premises, Black Grove Cottage, opened in North East Region
- 2006 Outreach Project summer camp and fun days run in Corduff for ethnic minority children
First IGG Explorer Belt Expedition held in Sweden

- Commissioners' trainings held in three different venues
'What's the Story?' PR Handbook published
Outdoor Awards book published
- 2007 Development Education badge and resource packs produced
Chief Commissioner's Award held in Wicklow
Campa le Chéile International Camp at Tattersall's, Co. Meath
Review and publication of The Handbook of the Irish Girl Guides
"I am a Ladybird" published to replace the Ladybird Workbook and Spot Packs
H.E.L.P. (Handy Emergency Ladybird Pack) produced for Ladybird Leaders
Ladybird banner introduced
Brownie Pack Holiday resource pack: part II produced with themes for pack holidays
Patrol Leader's Handbook produced
Joint IGG/CGI Senior Branch sailing event on Asgard II when 18 members sailed from Inverness, Scotland to Howth, Ireland
IGG Ladybird Unit set up in Direct Provision Centre, Mosney, Co. Meath
Voting badge introduced for all Branches
Garda Vetting introduced as part of IGG screening process
Safeguarding Membership Officer staff position set up
FETAC awards ceremony held in Mansion House, Dublin
IGG maintains the gold standard Health Quality Mark as a health-promoting youth organisation
- 2008 Outreach Pack produced and published
International Permit trainings introduced
"I am a Ladybird Leader" resource produced
Bursary for life-changing events introduced
Review of IGG's Promise
Review of the organisation's website commenced
Guide Unit started in Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin
"Power Day" event held for 120 Guides and Leaders who attended training sessions on the Promise and the Millennium Development Goals
Senior Branch surfing weekend in Lahinch, Co. Clare
National Training Committee (NTC) and National Outdoor Activities Committee (NOAC) amalgamated to form Adult Training and Outdoors Committee (ATOC)
Administrative agreement signed by the Catholic Guides of Ireland and Girlguiding UK to provide membership of WAGGGS for members of CGI resident in Northern Ireland

- 2009
- Elsbeth Henderson presented with a WAGGGS Silver Medal, the highest honour that the World Association can give
 - Ladybird Branch celebrated its 20th birthday
 - Ladybird DVD launched as a promotional tool
 - Membership ad hoc committee set up
 - 15 Guiding Taster Days held throughout the country, as a result of which 150 new members were recruited
 - IGG Code of Ethics training module developed
 - New IGG website launched
 - Road Safety badge syllabus and resource packs developed for all Branches
 - Chief Commissioner's Award held in Dingle, Co. Kerry
 - National Brownie Day held with a carnival/circus theme
 - Brownie Challenge 2009 launched
 - IGG retained the gold standard Health Quality Mark as a health-promoting youth organisation
- 2010
- New logo launched for IGG
 - Wording of the Promise changed to enable members to make a promise to "my God/faith" according to the individual's spiritual beliefs
 - New uniforms for Guides, Senior Branch and adult Leaders launched in Thurles
 - New national Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (EDI) set up to replace the Outreach Committee
 - History book of IGG, "A hundred years a-growing" written by Gillian Finan was published
- 2011
- IGG celebrated its first centenary
 - Launch of centenary in the Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, Co. Dublin
 - Centenary Thinking Day events took place at Regional and local level throughout the country
 - 100 Girlguiding UK Centenary roses planted in Rose Gardens in St. Anne's Park, Dublin
 - Membership Committee changed from an ad-hoc to a full national IGG Committee
 - Process of reviewing IGG's programmes for all ages commenced
 - Evaluation of the effectiveness of the new uniforms for Guides, Senior Branch and adult Leaders started
 - Bailiú, IGG's major centenary event, held in Semple Stadium, Thurles, was attended by over 6,000 members. Also present was Mary McPhail, Chief Executive of WAGGGS and Frances Fitzgerald, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.
 - Centenary Gold Awards ceremony held in the Dome at Semple Stadium
 - New long-service badge for over 30 years service designed and presented at Bailiú

Special Centenary Regional camps held in each of the seven IGG Regions
“Next Steps” weekend event held for members of all IGG National committees
IGG formed a partnership with Plan Ireland, a large development agency
IGG presented with a “Leading Light Road Safety Authority Award” in the community education sector for our Road Safety resource packs and badges
IGG joined the alliance of organisations that support the Turn Off the Red Light campaign (TORL)

Members renewed their Promise at local Centenary Closing Ceremonies at 19:11 on 19th November (19/11) to commemorate the date on which IGG was formed

IGG members raised over €17,000 during the centenary year which was divided and presented to its two chosen centenary charities, Barnardos and WAGGGS Global Girls Fund

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IGG’s Global Action Theme (GAT) resource pack containing a range of activities on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) was launched

Programme review surveys were circulated to members of all ages plus their Leaders and parents to ask for comments on the current IGG Branch programmes

50 IGG members visited President Michael D Higgins in Áras an Uachtaráin on 10th April

IGG weekly email was introduced and is sent to every Leader with an email address

CAMP 101, IGG’s international camp, was held in Lough Key Forest Park which was based on the MDGs and had a theme of “Together we can change our world”

Ladybirds visited CAMP 101 and Brownies stayed overnight at the camp

IGG’s first Strategic Plan was launched at the National Conference

First Tagline for IGG was introduced – “Giving Girls Confidence”

Vision for IGG also introduced