**Girlguiding London & South East England Chief Commissioner’s Award**

The Girlguiding LaSER Chief Commissioner’s Award is for inspirational volunteering. It is awarded to exceptional volunteers that go above and beyond and who motivate and improve quality girl-led guiding.

Applications are considered by the region awards committee, which meets twice a year, and all full members of Girlguiding are eligible to be nominated for the award.

All applications for the Girlguiding LaSER Chief Commissioner’s Award must be accompanied by supporting letters. The committee is looking for the character, personality and achievement of the nominee. They base their judgement on the information in the supporting letters, which could include some of the following:

* Enthusiasm, abilities and qualities that make her stand out.
* Specific events or incidents, e.g. camps, holidays, anecdotes.
* Impact on guiding in the unit/district/division/county (whichever applies).
* The nominee’s range of influence, both within and outside of Girlguiding e.g unit members, fellow leaders, county team, general comments.
* A girl or leader who has been influenced by her example.

Approximately six to eight letters of support are required. These need not be in formal style – it is more important for the writer to reflect the qualities of the nominee in their own words without worrying about spelling or grammar (e.g. how she made her Guides laugh at camp, personal references, how she helped at the county swimming gala etc.). Let the character and personality of the nominees shine through.

All applications should be supported by the local commissioner and county commissioner (except when they are the nominee).

In exceptional circumstances, the Chief Commissioner may nominate a volunteer for the Girlguiding LaSER Chief Commissioner’s Award and, subject to the approval of the chair of the awards committee, the Award may be granted without further supporting correspondence.