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Inclusion in Girl Guides Victoria

Girl Guides Victoria runs quality programs for girls aged 5-17. Through our unique non formal education programs we promote citizenship, volunteerism, social awareness and self-reliance. Girl Guides learn by doing - with every activity bringing a new personal adventure. We are impacting our community 1 girl at a time.

What is 'You, Me, Us- Building Inclusive Communities'?

'You, Me, Us – Building Inclusive Communities' is Girl Guides Victoria's commitment to celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion in communities all across Victoria.

Is multiculturalism new for Girl Guiding?

No, Girl Guiding has been proudly multicultural for over 100 years! With over 10 million members in 145 countries, Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting has a proud history of welcoming girls and women from all backgrounds.

What will be changing in Girl Guides Victoria?

Girl Guides Victoria is proud to be taking steps to more formally recognise the diversity which has always played an important part in our organisation. From the implementation of our Inclusion Strategy to the promotion of welcome information in 10 different languages, Girl Guides Victoria is celebrating the many practises which we believe make our organisation truly welcoming to all girls and women.

We hear you are opening special "multicultural Girl Guide Units"- is this true?

Girl Guide Units are already places where girls from many different schools, beliefs and backgrounds come together to share, grow and experience amazing opportunities. We are proud that for over 100 years our Girl Guide Units have been multicultural spaces open to girls and women regardless of background, faith, politics and abilities.

Where is the project running?

Inclusion is not a project for Girl Guides Victoria- it is a philosophy which we embrace at every level of our organisation. You will see our members continuing to celebrate diversity and enhancing community connections all across the state.

What does Girl Guiding offer the community?

The mission of Girl Guides is to enable girls and women to become confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. We believe that through the Australian Guide Program we are impacting our community 1 girl at a time and helping to build better communities locally and globally. By empowering each girl individually, helping her learn valuable life skills, and giving her opportunities for community volunteerism and active citizenship, we are growing the capacity of each community we operate in.

What can I expect to see in my local community?

You can expect to see Girl Guides out and about enhancing existing community connections and promoting Girl Guiding to an even wider cross section of their communities. We will be reaching out to community groups and organisations who share our philosophy of inclusion and the empowerment of girls and women. Girl Guide Units will continue to be seen working hand in hand with their communities to create positive and lasting change.

Where can I get more information?

Contact Girl Guides Victoria's Community Development Officer, Erin Wicking, ewicking@guidesvic.org.au