

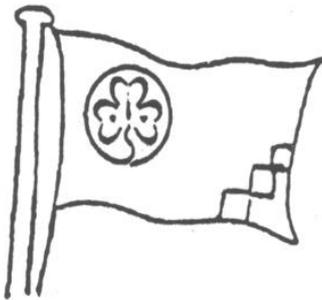
# SYMBOLS OF THE MOVEMENT

All members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts share the symbols of the Movement, as follow:

## **World Trefoil**

Is the symbol of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

- The three leaves represent the three-fold Promise as originally laid down by the Founder.
- The flame represents the flame of the love of humanity.
- The vein pointing upwards represents the compass needle pointing the way
- The two stars represent the Promise and the Law
- The outer circle represents our worldwide Association.
- The golden yellow trefoil represents the sun shining over the children of the world.



## **World Flag**

The World Flag consists of the World Trefoil in yellow on a bright blue background.

The white blaze in the lower right-hand corner represents World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts commitment to peace. This is crowned by three golden squares symbolising the three-fold Promise.

## **World Badge**

This badge was adopted at the World Conference in 1946 and in 1948 the design was approved. The World Badge, yellow trefoil on a blue background, may be worn in or out of uniform by all members who have made the Guide Promise.



## **The Motto**

The motto, *Be Prepared* shares the Founder's initials and is a practical reminder of the educational purposes of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

## **The Good Turn**

The Good Turn symbolises the service given by all members of the Movement to the community. Younger Guides think of ways in which they can do a good turn every day and older Guides and adult members develop this further into service projects at local, State, national and international levels.



### The Guide Sign or Salute

Guides and Girl Scouts greet one another with the Sign or Salute, three fingers of the right hand and raised to remind them of their three-fold Promise.

### The Left Hand Shake

The left handshake was suggested by the Founder as a means of easily recognising other members of the Movement.



### The World Song

The World Song was adopted at the 13th World Conference in 1950. The music was adapted with the approval of the Finnish Composer, Jean Sibelius, from his March Opus 91b. It was originally composed as the march for one of Finland's oldest Scout companies. First published with English words by Gavin Ewart in 1952, the World Song highlights the principles and spirit of the Movement.

#### Verse 1:

Our way is clear as we march on  
And see our flag on high  
Is never furled throughout the world  
For hope shall never die!  
We must unite for what is right  
In friendship true and strong  
Until the earth in its rebirth  
Shall sing our song, shall sing our song.

#### Verse 2:

All those who loved the true and good,  
Whose promises were kept  
With humble mind, whose acts were kind  
Whose honour never slept.  
These were the free, and we must be  
Prepared like them to live  
To give to all both great and small  
All we can give, all we can give.

### World Association Centres

The World Association owns and operates four World Centres where members of the Movement, both girls and adults, gather for training, conferences, or holidays:

**Our Chalet** stands on a mountain slope across the valley from the village of Adelboden in Switzerland. Opened in 1932, it was the gift of Mrs Helen Storrow of the USA.

**Pax Lodge** was opened in 1939 and named *Our Ark*. In 1963 there was a name change to *Olave House*, then in 1990 it was changed to *Pax Lodge*. It offers a home to Guides and Girl Scouts studying, working or passing through London. It is used for training and conferences.

**Our Cabana** near Cuernavaca in Mexico, was opened in 1957 and owes its existence mainly to the enterprise and generosity of the people of the Western Hemisphere.

**Sangam** is a Sanskrit word meaning "coming together" as of two rivers which meet and form one. The site, in Pune, India was the gift of the government of Maharashtra. It was opened by the World Chief Guide in 1966.