

Young Canadian Delegates for the Western Hemisphere Regional Conference



What is the Western Hemisphere Regional Conference?

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) represents a Movement of 150 Member Organizations. The Western Hemisphere (WH) is a regional office of WAGGGS and works in partnership with 35 Member Organizations across North America, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Western Hemisphere Regional Conference (WHReCo) is a key opportunity for Member Organizations to come together for one of the Western Hemisphere's most important governance events. During the Conference, WH and delegations will develop future regional plans, aligning WH's service delivery plan with its Global Strategy that includes the needs, interests, and priorities of Member Organizations, and work together to explore tools and resources to expand Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting within the WH Region.

The WHReCo meets every three years. All Member Organizations are invited to send a delegation.

From July 3-6, 2025, WH will host its 17th World Conference virtually during which Members will elect new WH Regional Committee Members, and consider motions. The theme for the 2025 Regional Conferences is Stronger Together. By uniting as a Global Movement, WH aims to create a more equal world where all girls can thrive by feeling confident to lead within their communities and the world.

Young Women in Governance Workshop

A Young Women in Governance workshop will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2025 and Sunday June 1, 2025. It is an interactive virtual experience for young women throughout the region to learn more about governance and prepare for their role within their delegations.

The Role

As part of our delegation, we are recruiting two young adult GGC members between the ages of 18 to 30, to work alongside our Chief Executive Office (CEO), Board Chair, International Commissioner, GGC staff and Provincial Commissioners for the Conference. This is a great opportunity to learn more about WAGGGS governance and represent Girl Guides of Canada on the global (virtual) stage.

Girl Guides of Canada (GGC) is selecting two young delegates for the WHReCo who would:

- Represent GGC during the conference
- Learn more about GGC, WH, and WAGGGS and its initiatives, and GGC's role within WAGGGS and WH
- Build connections with people from Member Organizations from around the region, as well as with members of GGC's delegation
- Engage in public speaking and debating, especially related to policy and governance
- Use and improve their leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills

Expectations

You will be expected to:

- Attend all pre-sessions leading up to the Conference – dates TBC in June/July
- Be an active and engaged participant in both the Young Women in Governance workshop and the Conference
- Push yourself out of your comfort zone
- Build relationships with a diversity of people from other Member Organizations, and maintain those relationships afterwards
- Ask questions and think critically about issues
- Be flexible and adaptable during the Conference
- Exercise cross cultural skills, with openness and respect for others' cultures
- Think outside your local communities, see how Guiding runs in other countries, and see the full potential of Guiding and its impacts in Canada
- Work as a team-player with the other members of GGC's delegation

Who should apply?

- Active members between the **ages of 18 and 30 in July 2025** who are:
 - especially eager to take on leadership opportunities, learn about governance and connect with other members from around the world.
 - passionate about Guiding and sharing their own Guiding story.
 - excited to learn new things, meet new people, and engage with Guiding at the international level.
 - comfortable interacting and networking with other participants, especially those from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
 - enthusiastic and able to fully contribute and benefit from the event and represent Canadian Guiding.
 - committed to continuing in a leadership role within GGC for the next several years and imparting learning and experience for the benefit of other members.
 - and have an understanding of both GGC and WAGGGS, as well as issues facing Guiding in Canada.
- We particularly invite individuals who reflect the voices of young people across Canada and are members of Canada's diverse communities.
- Individuals must be able to attend all virtual events during the Young Women in Governance Workshop and the Conference.
- Individuals must be available in June and July for delegation pre-meetings.

Time requirements:

- Tentative interview days: April 24th or 25th afternoon
- May 31-June 1: Young Women in Governance Workshop
- GGC Delegation Pre-Meetings throughout June to July in advance of the WHReCo



- July 3-July 6: WHReCo sessions (specific times noted on the application page)

Future responsibility:

You will be responsible for sharing your experience within GGC after the event. This may include reporting to the Board, speaking with units and other members, and promoting future youth/young women's opportunities.

Cost: The participation cost is covered by Girl Guides of Canada.

Apply now [here](#) by 11:59 p.m. PT on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

If you require accommodation and would like to complete this application in a different format (over the phone, as a video, etc.), please reach out to us.

Questions? Email Allison at executiveoffice@girlguides.ca.

