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# Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada releases resource on inclusion of transgender members

Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada (GGC) is the leading organization for girls and women in Canada. With a long history of inclusivity GGC recognizes and values the richness of diversity in its many forms. Affirming that all persons who live their lives as female are welcome to join the organization, GGC is proud to announce the release of their Guidelines for the Inclusion of Transgender Members. This resource will assist volunteer Unit Guiders in welcoming girls who identify as transgender and in working alongside transgender adult members and parents.

The resource was created in consultation with j wallace of Juxtapose Consulting. Released to the adult membership on October 5th, it has been met with enthusiasm and pride by members across the country, and interest and support from sister organizations around the world.

"As an inclusive organization, we are committed to supporting an environment where all girls and women feel accepted, respected and empowered," said Pamela Rice, Chief Commissioner, Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada. "I applaud the overwhelmingly positive response our members have had to this new resource."

GGC's Mission is to enable girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world. The new guidelines enhance the already extensive resources that support members in advancing inclusion and diversity.

#### **Inclusivity in Guiding**

Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada (GGC) recognizes and values the richness of human diversity in its many forms, and therefore strives to ensure environments where girls and women from all walks of life, identities, and lived experiences feel a sense of belonging and can participate fully. This commitment to inclusion means GGC's culture, programming, and practices encourage self-awareness and awareness of others; room for difference; and environments where girls and women feel safe, respected, supported, and inspired to reach their potential.

#### About Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada

Guiding provides a safe environment that invites girls and young women to challenge themselves, to find their voice, meet new friends, have fun and make a difference in the world.













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