

# Girl Programme Development Project 2010 - 2011

## ***What is the Girl Programme Development Project?***

The project aims to ensure that the GGNZ Girl Programme is the best it can be. The project will include:

- Evaluation of the current programme
- Development of draft recommendations to the National Board for any changes to the current programme
- Implementation of any agreed changes.

## ***Why review the Girl Programme now?***

Girls and leaders deserve the best programme possible. It is important to review the programme every few years to make sure it's up to date and meeting the needs and expectations of girls, their families and leaders. We want to make sure the programme is still relevant to New Zealand society and measures up to international best practice. It is also a requirement of our membership of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) to review the programme periodically.

## ***Who is involved with the project?***

The GGNZ Board has approved the project, and has set up a Steering Group to provide vision and support. The Steering Group comprises:

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A parallel Girl Reference Group is being set up to ensure indepth Girl representation. These girls/young women will provide input to the development of recommendations from a Girl Member perspective. More information and an application form for this Group will be available on the GGNZ website soon.

A research provider with extensive expertise in the social sector, Quigley and Watts Ltd, has been hired to project manage the work, and run the evaluation. The project team, managing the day to day work of the project, consists of the Quigley and Watts team, along with the Chair of the Steering Group, the GGNZ Chief Executive and the Manager of Guiding Development.

The evaluators will seek to answer high level questions about the relevance, coherence and integrity of the Girl Programme, based on programme documents and a sample of key informants in the Girl Guiding community and beyond (including leaders, parents and girls/young women). After the evaluation fieldwork is complete, draft recommendations will be discussed with the Board.

## ***How long will it take?***

The fieldwork for the review/evaluation of the current Girl Programme will be completed in early 2011. Draft recommendations will be developed by the Steering Group and the Girl Reference Group, and agreed with the Board. It is hoped that any recommended changes to the programme will be finalised at the June 2011 GGNZ Board meeting, and any changes will be implemented subsequently.