



THE WORLD OF WAGGGS

WAGGGS 34th World Conference

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This past July, WAGGGS members from around the world gathered in Edinburgh, Scotland for the 34 World Conference.

World conferences occur every three years and bring delegates from around the world together you help make key decisions about the future of the movement.

The 34th World Conference took place July 11th to 15th, and was attended by more than 390 delegates from 122 Member Organizations.



Highlights of the conference included:

- A key note speech by Lakshmi Puri, UN Women Assistant-Secretary and Deputy Executive Director
- Celebration of 6 new full members of WAGGGS

- Hearing about the Young Women's World Forums that occurred in this past year
- The introduction of the new WAGGGS program "Stop the Violence"
- Election of new World Board members
- Presentation of Olave Awards
- Announcement of the location of the next World Conference in Hong Kong

Welcome Six New Member Countries

Six new member countries were welcomed in the WAGGGS family at the 34th World Conference.

Please Welcome:

- Les Guides de la République Démocratique du Congo

- Association des Scouts et Guides du Congo
- The Girl Guides Association of Cambodia,
- The Girl Guides Association of Grenada
- The Swaziland Girl Guides Association

- Associazione Guide Esploratori Cattolici Sammarinesi (San Marino).

Watch for more information about these members in upcoming monthly WAGGGS newsletters

Stop the Violence: Speak out for girls rights

At the 34th World Conference WAGGGS introduced our newest advocacy program—Stop the Violence: Speak out for girls rights.

WAGGGS knows that girls in every country across the world are being subjected to many forms of violence—this wrong and must stop.

WAGGGS believes and knows that girls have the right to live free from violence and the fear of violence. They need to be aware of their rights—and find the

voice to create global movement and actions to end violence.

Building from a whisper to a shout, we need to talk, join together, and inspire action around the world.



Talk, Join Together, Inspire Action

There are lots of ways that you can Stop the Violence www.wagggsworld.org/en/take_action/violence

has many resources and ideas already in place and more are added daily.

Take a minutes and look through the ideas and see what you can take to your Unit to help get involved and stop the violence



For more WAGGGS
information
checkout
www.waggggs.org

Add your voice but know this is just the start!

The WAGGGS website has several ways for you to add your voice and many resources including logos to use, leaflets, videos, and other promotional items. In the next two months more material will become available—here is what to watch for:

- Awareness raising campaign including a website, ambassadors, and PR material
- Educational programs and a WAGGGS badge
- Lobbying campaign
- Community action plans
- National Action plans
- Safety and Ethical guidelines
- Capacity building: advocacy and leadership training

Some Sobering Facts and Figures about Violence Against Girls and Women

- UN Women estimates that up to six out of ten girls and women globally will be subject to violence or abuse in their lifetime
- Domestic violence is the single biggest cause of injury and death to girls and women aged between 15 and 44 worldwide
- 60 million girls are sexually assaulted at or on their way to school each year
- Women and girls constitute 80 per cent of the estimated 800,000 people trafficked annually, with the majority trafficked for sexual exploitation
- More than 60 million girls world wide are child brides, married before the age of 18
- In post-conflict and disaster situations girls and women are at high risk of violence and sexual assault

Olave Award

Have you heard about the Olave Award?

This award is presented to local Girl Guide or Girl Scout group or units in recognition of their outstanding community service work. Service should be linked in some way to the belief held by the World Chief Guide to “keep alive the spirit of service”.

Olave Awards are presented at the World Conferences so there is sometime to plan and complete a project in time to be nominated for the next set of awards.

Wondering what type of projects Units that have been honored with this award have done? Read on for information about a fantastic project in Alberta!



Congratulations to the 1st Olds Girl Guides for their garden project

The 1st Old Girl Guides received an Olave Award for their outstanding community work with an organic garden that they plant, cultivate, and then harvest and donate to their local food bank. Now in the 7th year, the Unit has donated 4,000 pounds of food to the food bank from their garden!

Centenary Camp in Ghana—Independent Travel Opportunity

Girl Guides in Ghana are celebrating 100 years of Guiding in 2012 and have extended an invitation to members from around the world to join them.

If you have a Unit or group looking for an adventure this

might be something for you to consider.

The camp includes seven days of activities, with the option of extended stay before and after the camp dates.

Camp dates are August 13-19 2012 and the cost per person is \$350 (flights and other

travel costs are not included in that cost!)

If you are interested, check the brochure attached

or email for more details
ghanaguides@yahoo.com



See WAGGGS
pictures on:
[www.flickr.com/
waggs](http://www.flickr.com/waggs)

WAGGGS Olympia Badge

2012 is an Olympic Year! Did you know that WAGGGS created in the spirit of the Olympic games? The Olympia Badge aims to promote the WAGGGS message to “discover your potential” and includes activities for all age groups.

If you are looking for ideas on an Olympic or Active living themed meeting or event

check out this badge!

Here are some sample activities from the badge:

- Run, swim, cycle, sail, paddle, walk, or ride a course that fits the shape of the Olympic symbol
- Find out how athletes clear



Summer Olympic Games in London 2012

their minds to focus on their event. Try it and discuss how it feels

- Choose at least two past Olympic mascots and find out their meaning
- Find out about the Paralympics and Special Olympics

A WAGGGS QUIZ to get you thinking!

Do you know the answers to these questions? Full quiz can be found at:
http://www.anzagl.org/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=33

1. How many delegates may attend the World Conference from each member organization?
2. How many observers from each member organization may attend a World Conference?
3. What is the WAGGGS Endowment Fund?
4. Where is the World Bureau located?
5. How many WAGGGS Regions are there?
6. How many votes is each member organization entitled to at a World Conference?
7. How often is a World Conference held?
8. What are the three official languages of WAGGGS?
9. What is the purpose of the World Centres?
10. Name all the World Centres in the order that they were opened

Answers:

1. No more than 2
2. Varies according to the size of the organization
3. A fund set up to help safeguard the future finances of WAGGGS
4. Olave Centre—London
5. Five
6. One
7. Every three years
8. English, Spanish, French
9. To promote international friendship and understanding
10. Our Chalet, Our Ark (Olave House), Our Cabana, Sangam, Pax Lodge