

## **An opportunity to represent Girlguiding UK at the Young Women's World Forum**

We would like to invite you to participate in the first ever Young Women's World Forum as part of the Centenary celebrations of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. This is the first of three world forums for girls and young women taking place between 2010 and 2012, throughout WAGGGS' centenary celebrations. The UK will have two delegate places and one of them could be yours!

The event is being organized and hosted by Girlguiding UK in cooperation with WAGGGS.

**Date: 19 - 24 October 2010**

**Location: Oxfordshire (if the exact place is known can insert here)**

**Cost: £400 (includes food, accommodation and all activities throughout the Forum)**

**Age group: 18 - 25 years**

**Other criteria:**

- **active members (but they do not need to have attended any previous WAGGGS events)**
- **Very good French, English or Spanish speakers, so you are able to contribute and benefit fully from the Forum.**
- **Committed to working actively with the results of the Forum within Girlguiding UK**
- **Awareness/understanding of chosen MDGs**

The aims of this event are to engage Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from different countries and backgrounds to form a shared vision for girls and young women to make a difference in their community and to develop skills and confidence to action change.

Delegates will create a declaration outlining ways in which national governments, civil society and WAGGGS and its members can change our world. The programme will include opportunities to exchange with external experts; to develop new advocacy skills for example in campaigning and public speaking; and to develop personal action plans for change.

Delegates will gain an overview of all eight of the MDGs but will focus especially on "End poverty and hunger", "Promote gender equality and empower women" and "Environmental sustainability" which have been highlighted by members of WAGGGS as being most relevant to them. This has been done through a survey available online and through the WAGGGS' World Centres.

If interested in being a UK delegate please contact Harsha Kariawasam on [harsha.kariawasam@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:harsha.kariawasam@girlguiding.org.uk). These must be returned by 11 December 2009.

If you have questions about the Forum please email [worldforum@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:worldforum@girlguiding.org.uk)