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The Trefoil Guild is a founder member of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) in the same way that Girlguiding UK is a founder member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

This opens the way for all Guild members to continue to enjoy the experience of belonging to a worldwide movement by:

- being aware of the aims and work of ISGF
- participating in ISGF events and making friends in other countries
- promoting the ISGF Development Fund and Fellowship Day
- trying to make contact with local Guilds when travelling abroad
- twinning your Guild with an overseas Guild
- offering hospitality to overseas visitors attending guide camps
- offering to help with guiding events
- offering to test International badges
- sponsoring girls/Leaders attending international events and asking them to talk to your Guild on return
- making up a group to visit a world centre and telling others about it afterwards
- sharing in local Thinking Day and other international events
- subscribing to *Our World News* from WAGGGS and *World Gazette Mondiale* from ISGF
- becoming a 'Friend' of one or more of the World Centres. Details from WAGGGS website

Living Abroad?

There are two ways of becoming or remaining a member of The Trefoil Guild while living abroad.

- a) Join (or form) a Guild overseas, registered as 'In a Foreign Country'. There are opportunities for links with British Guides in Foreign Countries
- b) Join the Travellers' Guild - [see Chapter 11](#)

Both groups receive a quarterly newsletter from the International Correspondent and a copy of *The Trefoil*. They pay the normal subscription, plus a contribution to postage to the Trefoil Guild Office.

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF)

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship is a worldwide organisation for former Scouts and Guides who feel that the ideals of Scouting and Guiding should continue to be implemented in an adult context. It provides opportunities for members worldwide to meet others with similar interests and values, as well as to cooperate with them in various projects and activities. The Trefoil Guild is a founder member of ISGF, and all Trefoil Guild members are automatically ISGF members.

The aims of ISGF are to encourage adult Scouts and Guides:

- a) Personally to keep alive the spirit of the Promise and Law
- b) To bring that spirit into the communities in which they live and work
- c) Actively to support Scouting and Guiding in these communities

The World Committee is the executive body of ISGF and in 2005 was composed of 12 members elected by the World Conference from recognised member organisations. It is responsible for implementing decisions made at World Conference meetings. Every three years, a World Conference is held to allow all members the opportunity to meet and decide its policy and its work for the following three years. All members of the Trefoil Guild are entitled to attend this and all other ISGF Conferences and Gatherings. As a result of the World Conference in 2005, the World Committee will reduce to ten members in 2008 and finally to eight members in 2011.

In the years between World Conferences, Regional and Sub-Regional Conferences and Gatherings are held. The United Kingdom belongs to the European Region. Information about these events is published in *The Trefoil* and *The World Gazette Mondiale*. Trefoil Guild International Advisers have details about these events well in advance and Trefoil Guild members wishing to attend can obtain application forms from them or County International Advisers.

The *World Gazette Mondiale* is published by ISGF three times a year in English and French.

For more information see Chapter 16 - Publications

The ISGF Development Fund was established to provide an opportunity for Member Organisations and individuals to donate money for the benefit of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement. The intention of ISGF is to donate money to these Associations annually. Further information can be found on the ISGF website: www.isgf.org or through your International Adviser.

Fellowship Day

Fellowship Day was established to mark the anniversary of the founding of ISGF, on October 25th 1953. On or near October 25th, Guilds arrange meetings, functions or services with an international theme and the opportunity to raise money. It is also the opportunity to express hopes for world peace and mutual understanding.

For more information see Chapter 9

Twinning

Trefoil Guilds in the United Kingdom have the opportunity to ‘twin’ with their counterparts in other ISGF member countries. This can be achieved either by personal contact or by following up twinning arrangements already existing at local town or village level. The Country/Region International Adviser will be glad to help members who write to her, stating their preferred country, if any. The Trefoil Guild International Adviser can obtain certificates from ISGF when links have been made, via their Country/Region International Adviser. There is a coordinator for twinning in the UK - correspondence can be addressed to her at the Trefoil Guild Office.

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

Girlguiding UK is one of 144 national Girl Guide/Girl Scout organisations worldwide that are linked through their membership of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). It organises a conference every three years.

Administratively, WAGGGS is divided into five Regions:

- Africa Region
- Arab Region
- Asia Pacific Region
- Europe Region (of which Girlguiding UK is a member)
- Western Hemisphere Region

The administrative support for WAGGGS is provided from the World Bureau at the Olave Centre in London. WAGGGS also has four World Centres where members can stay.

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 Olave Centre
 12c Lyndhurst Road
 London NW3 5PQ

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 Web: www.wagggsworld.org



Pax Lodge, London, United Kingdom

Part of the Olave Centre, Pax Lodge is situated next to the World Bureau, ten minutes walk from Belsize Park Underground station. Several buses pass the end of the road. Hampstead Heath is a short walk away.

House tours are available daily between 1030 and 1600. Booking must be made in advance. Tours of the World Bureau are available on Wednesdays, by prior arrangement.

Pax Lodge is open all year round and has accommodation for individuals, families and groups. The warm friendly atmosphere offers everything Guild members need for a stay in London.

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The World Centre Manager
 Pax Lodge
 Olave Centre
 12c Lyndhurst Road
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 Email: office@paxlodge.org
 Web: www.paxlodge.org



Our Chalet, Adelboden, Switzerland

Our Chalet was given to WAGGGS by Mrs Storrow, an American, and was opened in July 1932. Since then, it has been a meeting place for members from all over the world. The Spycher building was added in 1999.

Standing in a beautiful setting in the Engstligen Valley, Our Chalet offers international friendship and the opportunity to ski and walk as well as visit the beautiful area around Adelboden.

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 CH-3715 Adelboden
 Switzerland

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Our Cabana, Cuernavaca, Mexico

Our Cabaña, dedicated on Thinking Day 1956, overlooks the ancient city of Cuernavaca, which lies in the centre of a valley, surrounded by beautiful gardens and distant snow-capped mountains.

Our Cabaña has grown as a symbol of international understanding and friendship. It offers a variety of interesting activities and local crafts. Our Cabaña can accommodate 84 participants and there is also the opportunity to see rural Mexico in the nearby village of Tepotzlan.

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 Morelos
 Mexico

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 Web: www.ourcabana.org



Sangam, Pune, India

Sangam is set in over seven acres of land donated by the Government of Maharashtra. Opened in 1966, it lies three miles from the centre of Pune and 190km SE of Mumbai.

‘Sangam’ is a Sanskrit word meaning ‘coming together’. The Centre offers a unique opportunity to study Indian arts and crafts, and to help with local service projects. Sangam can accommodate 60 guests and members aged 16+ may stay as a group, plus leader. Visitors can gain much from the hospitality and kindness of the Indian people.

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 Web: www.sangamworldcentre.org



Trefoil Guild members are entitled to stay at any of the World Centres, which belong to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Guild members may attend the sessions available each year or stay for a holiday.

Arrangements can also be made for day visits to the centres.

Friends of the Centres

- each of the Four World Centres has a supporting group known as, Friends of Pax Lodge, Friends of Our Chalet, Friends of Our Cabaña and Friends of Sangam
- there is also a support group, Friends of the Four World Centres

The objectives of the Friends are to promote the Centres to improve, develop and maintain education of young people and adults in the principles of a multi-cultural society.

All these groups can be contacted through WAGGGS or the World Centres.

Volunteers

All Centres welcome volunteers to work for three to six months.

When writing to a Centre outside the United Kingdom, please enclose an International Reply Coupon, obtainable from any Post Office.

GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development)

Annually, groups of Guides from the UK travel to other WAGGGS membership countries to assist them in various ways. The Trefoil Guild assists those taking part in GOLD by contributing towards the cost for each participant and a percentage of the Leaders' travelling costs.