

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE ENGLAND AND WALES (GBEW) NETWORK



GBEW Network Community Group – Chaplain

ROLE CONTEXT: The Girls' Brigade is a Christian organisation whose aim is 'To help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life.'

ROLE TITLE: CHAPLAIN

WHO CAN BE A CHAPLAIN? Individual GB groups can have a Chaplain – this may be the minister of the church or another carefully chosen person and the GB district may also appoint a Chaplain. The Chaplain does not need to be an ordained minister but does need to be someone who can provide spiritual oversight and pastoral care.

TRAINING: No formal training is required, however completing our Life to the Full safeguarding training may be beneficial.

RESPONSIBLE FOR: Providing pastoral support to the GB group, volunteer and young people

Role of Chaplain: The role of Chaplain varies around the churches - and is 'flexible'...but in essence revolves around spiritual oversight of the GB group. GB is intended to be a mission tool for your church and has a proven track record in reaching un-churched children, young people and their families. A Chaplain provides a further bridge between these children and young people and the church. A Chaplain is also a key link person in helping the church leadership and GB leaders work together to ensure the GB group are part of the church's mission in the community.

Role description

The role will include, but not be limited to,:

- Offering support in the faith development of GB leaders e.g. delivering devotional time for leaders
- Providing pastoral care/intervention if needed
- Making contact with GB activities and 'dropping in' to the group to lead worship or chat with the young people
- Enabling and inviting members to engage with wider church activities
- Representing and promoting GB outside of GB meetings.
- Encouraging the church family to see GB as part of the church and its mission through updates, prayer and networking between church and GB members
- Supporting and including church in annual re-dedication and regular family services where possible

Role requirements

Chaplains should:

- Be registered on the GB Manager database at the request of the group Team Leader or Correspondent to the GB Support Centre
- Have safeguarding training and an in-date DBS where appropriate and inform the GB Support Centre of these

The Girls' Brigade England and Wales is committed to making reasonable adjustments to support disabled volunteers and members to ensure they can access the same opportunities as non-disabled volunteers, whether this be in the form of how sessions are run, the environment a group meets in or even the attitudes and education of those around us. Please contact us to discuss how we can best support you.