

General Guidelines for Becoming Part of an Active Link Group

- 1) Find out if there is already an Active Link Group in your area that you aren't aware of and join it.
 - 2) If there is no group in your area, or you would still like to start your own unit, contact other Link members in your area to see if they are interested.
 - 3) Contact your Area Commissioner to let her know your interest and if she can help you in any way (meeting place, spread the word, etc.)
 - 4) Send out a flyer through Council meetings or put an ad in your Area newsletter to call anyone interested to an introductory meeting.
 - 5) At the meeting discuss what the group is interested in, long term projects (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Award, planning a camp) and short term plans for frequency of meetings, meeting place, Guiding events and other activities. Ask for volunteers to coordinate certain activities and projects so one person is not doing everything. Consider how you will communicate with each other (e-mail works well for most groups, but remember to phone those who don't have e-mail access). Also consider fundraisers (cookies, opportunities within Guiding, within your community).
* Remember that fundraising requires a purpose and permission from a Guiding council.
 - 6) Discuss with your Commissioner the best way for the group to stay informed about Guiding events in your area. Consider sending a member of the Link group to Council meetings or relying on your area newsletter.
 - 7) Please contact Provincial Link Advisor to answer any questions or give assistance along the way. Once your group is up and running let the Provincial Office know who is participating.
- * Each member participating in an Active Link Group is registered under that group in iMIS. Your updates are very important for keeping track of Link activities in the province.

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