

Announcing the 2004 National Link Service Challenge – *Citizens of the World*

The Mission of WAGGGS is "to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world". In spring 2004, Link members across Canada will carry out various service projects united by a common international theme, showing that we are definitely "citizens of the world". These projects can involve:

- service to Guiding such as helping in a girls' unit
- community service such as helping an existing charity
- or perhaps both (coordinating girls' participation in a community service project for instance).

Possible ideas for carrying out the challenge include: incorporating the WAGGGS' Triennial theme "Our Rights Our Responsibilities" (information at <http://www.wagggsworld.org/aroundtheworld/projects/oror/index.html>), sharing information about your international experiences with girls' units, or other service projects that have an international component.

Project ideas plus resource information will be compiled and made available via the Provincial Link Advisers and the National Link e-group/mailling list. This challenge is flexible on purpose to allow for the varying circumstances of Link members and their local communities. You can participate in this Challenge individually, with a few other Link members, or with your entire Link unit.

Once you've done a service project, make sure to tell the National Link Adviser about it, so we can let others know about your projects. We want to promote this Challenge within Guiding, so that people learn more about Link and realize that Link members are active contributors to Guiding and to their communities. If you want to help by sending an article to your local Guiding newsletter about this Challenge and your project, let us know and we can send you information to get you started.

It would be nice to have a crest available for participants to order this year– if you can help with the planning and ordering process, please contact the National Link Adviser.

The first-ever National Link Service Challenge in 2003 was a big step toward building more "National Link Spirit", so think of ways that you can participate in 2004!