

World Thinking Day 2026



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Activity pack

Introduction

Welcome to our World Thinking Day activity pack!

This pack has been created to help you celebrate World Thinking Day in true Girlguiding style — through friendship, fun, and a little bit of reflection. Around the world, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts come together on this special day to remember that we are part of one big global family, united by our promise and shared values.

A huge thank you is due to Courtney, Emma, Charlotte, Chloe and Beth, 5 amazing Queen's Guides/Inspire members, for working so hard on putting this pack together.

Each section in this pack includes a variety of activities linked to this year's theme. They're designed to fit easily into one or two meetings, so you can mix and match what works best for your unit. To complete the challenge, we suggest choosing four out of the six activities — though you're welcome to do more if time allows!

You'll find activities for all sections — from Rainbows to Rangers — exploring themes like friendship, teamwork, history, creativity, and guiding spirit.

Additional resources are included in a separate document to help you with preparation and printing.

So gather your unit, get ready to sing around the campfire, learn something new, and celebrate the power of guiding around the world. Let's make this World Thinking Day one to remember!

Don't forget to order your WTD 2026 badge from our retail shop:
girlguiding-anglia.org.uk/shop



Rainbows

Act it out:

You're going to explore emotions using guiding scenarios. Your leader will have on pieces of paper with different scenarios and emotions written on them. Pick the scenario and emotion at random. Act out the scenario silently while expressing the chosen emotion, using facial expressions and body language.



Past and present:

Learn about what guiding was like in the past and what it looks like today, including what activities they did, and what they wore.

Then design your own uniform for the future!



Friends and colours:

Create a friendship bracelet inspired by friendship sticks, which are used throughout guiding to symbolise being part of a community across the world. The friendship stick is made by layering colours in order along the stick. Your bracelets can be made from any material and technique which suits your unit/girls.



Campfire singing:

Guiding is nothing without its campfires. Learn and sing some Girlguiding campfire songs.

You could do this inside, and create your own campfire out of lights and torches, or outside with a campfire.



Trust your team:

Work in pairs or as a team to complete some team challenges.



Flying the flag for friendship:

Rainbows are part of guiding, and there are a lot of groups of girls and young women that get together around the world! Some units have their own flag to show who they are.

Does your unit have their own flag? It's time to create your own flag!



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Brownies

Mingle bingo:

How much do you know about your guiding friends? In your unit, everyone will get given a bingo card. The aim is to achieve a full house on the bingo card! Work around the group asking each other if you have any of the characteristics listed on the card.



Guiding dash:

Start with everyone in a circle: each girl is given a word. Your leader will read through the story, and when they hear your word said then you need to get up, run around the circle and back to your space. You can keep points on who got back to their space first if you want to make it competitive.



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Bite-sized world centres:

How much do you know about the WAGGS World Centres? Split into groups or sixes. Each group is given a picture of one of the World Centres. Your aim is to make a model of this World Centre using food items of choice.

Brownie friends:

There are Brownie units all across the world! Make a new Brownie friend by writing a letter to another Brownie unit.

Make sure to decorate your letters or postcard so they look nice, and then your leader can send it off to another unit.



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Guides

History hustle:

Learn about the history of Thinking Day in this fun game!

You can keep track of points for each side, if you want to make it competitive.



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News flash:

Your task is to retell how Girlguiding began, but there's a twist! Imagine it happened in modern times.

Work together in groups to create your own report, podcast, tv episode, or news broadcast.



Yarn it:

Guides each start with several 6-inch yarn strands of 1 colour and trade strands with others to collect a mix of colours while sharing fun facts, recommendations, or answers to "get to know you" questions. Each yarn colour represents someone in the unit, symbolizing diversity and the beauty of differences. Afterward, they make tassels by tying and folding the yarn, then secure it near the top. The tassels can be attached to a keyring as a colourful reminder of their guiding friends.

Friendship by design:

Your task is to work in pairs (or small groups) to learn about each other and customise something unique just for them.



Scribbles and giggles:

This game is like Chinese Whispers/ Broken Telephone, but on paper! Everyone needs a pen and a piece of paper.



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Rangers

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Friendship knots:

Make a beautiful friendship bracelet!



A letter across the world:

Connect with Rangers from another WAGGGS country by writing a letter or postcard decorated with designs inspired by World Thinking Day. Gather together items to represent your unit, your region and your country and take a picture to show your new friends, to include in your letter.



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Programme links

Activity title	Section	Programme link
Campfire singing	Rainbows	Campfire singsong UMA, All my friends UMA
Trust your team	Rainbows	Untanglers skills builder, It's dark outside UMA
Flying the flag for friendship	Rainbows	Guiding sparkle interest badge
Guiding dash	Brownies	Guiding glow interest badge
News flash	Guides	Vlogging
Friendship by design	Guides	Tailor made skills builder
Campfire singing	Guides	Campfire playlist skills builder
Scribbles and giggles	Rangers	What wait UMA
News flash	Rangers	On the air UMA, guiding world interest badge
Friendship knots	Rangers	Promise on a string
A letter across the world	Rangers	Unit on a tabletop UMA, guiding world interest badge

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