

Brownie House – “Key to the Future” Project



Introduction

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women across the UK, thanks to the dedication and support of 500,000 amazing members. We give girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities.

Girlguiding Cymru (GGC) is part of this great organisation and has over 20,000 members all over Wales. We are for all girls and young women, whatever their background and circumstances. Our volunteers help to give girls a head start in life and encourage them to be happy, self-confident and curious about the world they live in and help them realise what a difference they can make.

2014 is a very special year for thousands of Girlguiding young Members – the Brownies are celebrating their 100th birthday.

To mark this achievement GGC are launching a major campaign to improve our Brownie House and to make it available and accessible to all.

What we intend to do.

The Brownie House is situated in the grounds of the Girlguiding Cymru Headquarters at Broneirion, Llandinam, Powys and is the home of Guiding in Wales.

The Project will extend and further develop the Brownie House to make it fit for the 21st century Brownie and will also include a fully accessible disability facility for all age groups available to Guiding Members, families and other organisations. Plans include a self-contained unit to contain a living area, kitchen, bathroom and bedrooms.

The Brownie house will provide a residential space for large groups to include comfortable accommodation for all visitors. There would be parking areas for up to 6 vehicles and would include enough room for fully converted vehicles with tail lifts to access the building.

Part of the project is to convert some of the garden area around the Brownie House with footpaths leading to a sensory garden with a small water feature and a seating area with amazing views. The whole of the garden area will have wheelchair friendly footpaths, which will support and help wheelchair users to access the main house and its facilities all year round.

Why the project needs to take place

This project will provide enhanced, multi-purpose facilities at Girlguiding Cymru Headquarters in Llandinam within the grounds of our Training Centre for all Members of Girlguiding, other organisations, services and their families.

Who will benefit

The Brownie House will allow our Members, other organisations and personnel to fully utilise the unit such as Guiding and Scout groups, Help for Heroes, Royal British Legion, Hospices, Armed Forces, friends and families, schools etc for breaks, team building and rehabilitation and recuperation.

When will the project commence

Girlguiding Cymru is looking to build their new Brownie House over the next year and have secured full planning permission and are currently working with architects to make this dream a reality.

Our Members and Brownies will be challenged to assist in finding the key and we are looking to grant funders, trusts, organisations and members of the public for donations to raise £250,000 to open the door to the future of the Brownie House.

Text **KEYS20 ?** (please specify amount you would like to donate at ? and press send) to **70070**

Views from the Brownie House:



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