



BROWNIES LIBRARY LOCK IN



Over 110 Brownies and 40 Leaders came together on Friday 2 September at the National Library of Wales for the first ever sleepover.

Brownies travelled from all across Wales to attend the sleepover where the girls spent the evening exploring the library and learning about the Girlguiding Cymru exhibition 'Pushing Boundaries'.

The 'Pushing Boundaries' exhibition has been on display at the library since April and has attracted lots of interest from people in different walks of life. The exhibition traces the history of Girlguiding Cymru from its establishment in 1910 to the present day, and how it has pushed the boundaries and impacted on the lives of girls over the years.

At the sleepover there were lots of activities to keep the Brownies entertained with the theme of 'Brownies over the last 100 years', from learning about old challenge badges to imagining their version of 'Brownies in the future'. The evening finished off with a fish and chip supper before settling down with their torches and sleeping bags.

Up bright and early the Brownies visited the 'Pushing Boundaries' exhibition, where a short closing ceremony took place and several Brownies told the audience about the best bits of the unique sleepover. The girls agreed that it was one of the most unusual places they've ever slept.

Chief Commissioner, Lesley Mathews who attended the sleepover said: *"It was fantastic to have so many Brownies from across Wales celebrating the success of our exhibition. Thank you to the team at the National Library for your hospitality and for hosting the 'Pushing Boundaries' exhibition and making it a great success"*.

Linda Tomos, National Librarian of The National Library of Wales said: *"It was great to welcome so many young people to the Library for such an exciting and memorable event. I hope that we have the opportunity to arrange similar ones before too long."*

For more information about how you or your daughter can get involved with Girlguiding, the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk.

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