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YAUHENIYA BELIAKOVA

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| Member of: | Association of Belarusian Guides |
| Age Group: | Under 30 |
| Nominated by: | Association of Belarusian Guides |
| Languages: | Mother Tongue: Russian Other languages spoken: English Understands: French |
| Employment Details: | Student of Gomel State University, Faculty of Foreign Languages |
| Volunteer work: | |
| Own Organization - Present Position: | International Commissioner |
| Own Organization - Previous Positions: | Member of International Group, 2001-2005 |

SPECIAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

Yauheniya feels that she has training skills, particularly as she has worked in International Guides' Centres. She was the 'Guiding Overseas Linked with Development' (GOLD) Project Coordinator in Belarus.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Yauheniya has attended international camps in Melan, France in 2005 and Camp Flame, in the UK in 2006. She attended Seminars on Intercultural Understanding and Development in Switzerland, in 2004, and Train the Trainer, in Latvia in 2006. Yauheniya participated in the GOLD project in 2005 in, Belarus. She spent time volunteering in Melan, France in July 2005, and is currently a volunteer at Pax Lodge in London (March – August 2007)



FABIOLA CANAVESI

- Member of:** Federazione Italiana dello Scouting (FIS)
- Age Group:** 41-50
- Nominated by:** Federazione Italiana dello Scouting (FIS)
- Languages:**
Mother Tongue: Italian
Other languages spoken: English, French
Understands: Spanish
- Employment Details:** Responsible for the Research and Development Office of the Italian Friesian National Breeder Association, 2000-current time.
- Volunteer work:**
- Own Organization - Present Position:** Leader in a local group
- Own Organization - Previous Positions:**
- International Commissioner, 1998-2004
 - Member of the National Team for Educational Programme - Development, 1998-2004
 - Team Coordinator for 10 international projects for local Rover/Ranger branch, 1998-2004
 - Trainer at national level, 1994-2000
 - Member of Training Camp Staff, 1991
 - Regional Rover/Ranger Branch Commissioner, 1993-1996
 - Assistant Training leader, 1994
 - Leaders' Community Co-ordinator, 1997-1999
 - District Ranger/Rover Branch Commissioner, 1989-1991
- Involvement in WAGGGS:** Member. Europe Committee, 2004-2007
Member of WAGGGS European Strategies from Growth Group

SPECIAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

Fabiola has skills in leadership and creativity. She is a strategic thinker, and feels that she has enthusiasm, a strong will, and determination, and the ability to be concise. She has experience in co-ordination skills at international level, and knowledge of the educational needs of over 16's.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fabiola has travelled for work purposes in Europe and the United States. She spent two years in Canada, from 1991-1993, studying for her Master's Degree, living in an international graduate student environment. She is a co-ordinator of a European research group



MIDGE COOMBS

- Member of:** Girlguiding UK
- Age Group:** Under 30
- Nominated by:** Girlguiding UK
- Languages:** Mother Tongue: English
- Employment Details:** Assistant Manager, IT Advisory Division, KPMG
- Volunteer work:**
- Own Organization - Present Position:** Guide Unit leader
District Treasurer/reviewer of unit accounts
Public Relations Advisor for the Country of Bristol
Member of the Girlguiding UK Media Rapid Response Team
Member of the Council, 2005-current time
- Own Organization - Previous Positions:** Member, Planning Team, for National Youth Forum, 2000
Girlguiding UK representative, National Venture Scout Council, The Scout Association, 1999
WAGGGS/WOSM European Seminar on Communication, 1998
- Involvement in WAGGGS:** External Representative, Europe Region WAGGGS, 2004-current time
- Other National/ International Organizations:** Involvement in The Scout Association's Centenary Planning, including non-executive membership of the Board, 1997-current time
Scouting delegate to 11th European Scout and Guide Conference, Iceland, 2004
Member, Planning Team for Eurojam, UK, 2005.
Member, Planning Team 21st World Scout Jamboree, UK, 2007
Present, Leo Club, (UK Youth Section of the Lions Club International), 1995-1997

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SPECIAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

Midge considers her Guide unit to be the key part of her Guiding life, and with a great unit team, she will continue with this commitment. She feels that this work keeps her in touch with Guiding work, and continues to keep her informed of what girls and young women really want. Although she belongs to a WAGGGS-only Member Organization, she feels she has shown her ability to work both within The Scout Association as a member, and with them, as a member of Girlguiding UK.

Midge comes from a business and IT background, and so feels that she can bring sound financial understanding as well as an appetite to embrace new information technologies to aid ways of working and increased efficiency.

Having been involved with external representatives for WAGGGS, Midge is enthusiastic to develop and take further the advocacy work of the region. She feels that she has experience in Public Relations and can present the image of WAGGGS both internally to Girlguiding UK members, and externally to other organizations and members of the public.

Midge's practical skills include facilitation, organizing and chairing working groups, and larger events, experience of working in multi-cultural teams, and sheer enthusiasm!

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

As a fifteen-year old Guide, Midge instigated a Guide unit exchange with Scouts in Denmark, and this has resulted in several large exchange camps and visits over the years. She has taken part in a programme at Our Cabaña, and is soon to visit Our Chalet, spending Christmas and New Year in Kandersteg.

Midge attended the 18th World Scout Jamboree in the Netherlands as a Guide participant, the 19th World Scout Jamboree in Chile as a Scout on the UK contingent support team, and the 20th World Scout Jamboree, in Thailand, as a UK Scout working as part of the sub-camp team.



MEDEEA GABRIELA NEGUTESCU

- Member of:** Romanian Guides Association
- Age Group:** 30-40
- Nominated by:** Romanian Guides Association
- Languages:**
Mother Tongue: Romanian
Other languages spoken: English
Understands: French, German
- Employment Details:** Special Adviser, City Hall of Bucharest, 2nd District February 2006-current time
(Work involves cooperation with NGOs, fund development and the organization of events.)
Previous employment has included management, public relation and translation work.
- Volunteer work:**
- Own Organization - Present Position:** International Commissioner, November 2006-current time
- Own Organization - Previous Positions:** President of the Romanian Guides Association, 1998-2005
Projects and activities in the frame of the Romanian Guides Association:
-**A.C.T.!** – **A**uthorities.**C**ooperation.**T**winning!, a project in partnership with the City Hall of Bucharest 2nd District and the Local Council of Naples/ Italy, financed by European Commission – Education and Culture Programme (project manager), 2006;
-Education for Democracy”, a project financed by USA Embassy (project coordinator and trainer), 2005–2006;
-Romania, a project in partnership with the Swiss Guide and Scout Movement (project coordinator), 1998–2005;
Training of trainers and youth animators, a project financed by the European Community, Youth Programme (project coordinator and trainer), 2003;
V.O.L.U.N.T.A.R., a project financed by the Romanian Authority for Youth (trainer), 2004;
Education through games, a project financed by the Romanian Authority for Youth (project coordinator), 2004;
Trainer and youth animator, 1998–2004,

SPECIAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

In 1997, Medeea graduated from the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication and she then achieved international experience from attendance at seminars abroad and from international teachers. Areas covered in seminars attended included communication, management and leadership, youth, fund development, and especially understanding the global international environment, different cultures, having a tolerant spirit in approaching other people.

Medeea feels she is a good communicator, and has excellent organization skills. She is hard working and ambitious, dynamic, and a pro-active team player. She can be flexible, and can perform well and pressure. Medeea feels herself to be a committed and responsible person.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

During 1996 and 2006, Medeea attended many international events. In October 2006, in preparation for European Union accession, she attended a conference on the Local Dimension, at the Economic Policy Institute in Sofia, Bulgaria. In November 2004, she attended a conference, Citizens' Pact for South-Eastern Europe, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tuzla. Medeea was at World Youth Festivals in Spain, in 2004, and in Lisbon in 1998.

Medeea was part of the Women – Action for Democracy workshop, organized by the European Women's Foundation in July 1997, held in Ireland.

Medeea has attended several events organized by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, including 'Revealing the real woman', August 2001, India; Funding Training, November 2000, Austria; Partnerships for the future, May 2000, Belarus; a Workshop on Educational Program Development and Leaders' Training, October 1999, Italy; and the 32nd World Conference, June 2005, in Jordan.



F.FINNA SIGURDARDOTTIR

- Member of:** The Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association
- Age Group:** Under 30
- Nominated by:** The Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association
- Languages:** Mother Tongue: Icelandic
Other languages spoken: English, Danish
- Employment Details:** Assistant nurse (part time, to fit in with study)
International Secretary, The Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association (part time), 2003-2005
Managing Director, Reykjavík Amusement Park, 2002–2003
Various posts on banking. 2000-2002
- Volunteer work:**
- Own Organization - Present Position:** Advisor to the International Committee
- Own Organization - Previous Positions:** International Secretary, Icelandic National Jamboree, 2004-2005
Program Manager, Icelandic National Jamboree, 2004
International Secretary, Host Committee, European Guide and Scout Conference, 2004
Member, International Committee, 2002–2005
Trainer, 2000-2005
- Involvement in WAGGGS:** -Volunteer, World Youth Festival, Barcelona, 2004
-Volunteering Seminar, The European Youth Centre, Budapest, 2003
- Other National/ International Organizations:** -Member, Network Group, WOSM, 2005–2007
-Trainer, International Course for the KFUM Scout Association in Denmark, 2004
-Member, Icelandic Rescue Teams, 1998–2001
-Member of various Boards and Committees, including the University of Iceland.

SPECIAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

Finna feels that Guiding and Scouting has a lot to offer young women today, and she is keen to serve the Europe Region WAGGGS to spread this message. Despite her age, Finna thinks that the experience she has already gained will be useful in assisting her to be a Committee member. She particularly would like to point out that has valuable experience as a manager- both in a professional capacity, and as a volunteer in her own Association.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Finna will be studying in Demark for the next five years. She was a volunteer at the World Youth Festival in Barcelona, in 2004, and in 2003, attended a seminar in Budapest. Also in 2003, Finna led a group of Scouts and Guides to Flamboree, in Belgium, and in 2001, she was again a group leader, this time to the Jamboree in Sweden. She participated in the World Scout Moot in 2000 in Mexico, and took the opportunity to see more of the country following the event. As a school girl, Finna worked in Denmark for two months during her holiday, and in 1995, she attended the World Jamboree in Holland.



LARA TONNA

- Member of:** Malta Girl Guides
- Age Group:** 30-40
- Nominated by:** Malta Girl Guides
- Languages:**
Mother Tongue: Maltese
Other languages spoken: English, Italian
Understands: French
- Employment Details:** Physical Educator, Girls' Primary and Secondary School, 1995-current time.
Lecturer, University of Malta, Institute of Physical Education, 1998-current time.
- Volunteer work:**
- Own Organization - Present Position:** Chief Commissioner, 2001-current time
- Own Organization - Previous Positions:** National Training Commissioner, 1998
Assistant District Commissioner
Member, Executive Committee
- Involvement in WAGGGS:** Europe Region Trainers' Resource Pool, 2004-current time
WAGGGS Multiplier Trainer – Europe, 1998-2001
Working Group for Youth Participation at the European Conference, 1994
- Other National/ International Organizations:**
-Member. National Committee of the President's Award Scheme, (an international award for young people) various sub-Committees, 1998-current time
-Member, Youth Committee, National Council of Women, (NCW), 1999
-Member, NCW Executive Committee, 2005
-Represented Malta Girl Guides on the National Youth Council
-Represented WAGGGS at the Council of Europe Meeting

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SPECIAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

Lara feels that Guiding has taught her to challenge herself and learn new skills, particularly leadership skills and team work. She has particularly benefited from her role as a Training Commissioner, and feels that she is still learning in this position, both personally, and also to meet the needs of the Association.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lara has represented the Malta Girl Guides at various European and World WAGGGS Conferences and seminars. She has attended both as a leader and as head of her contingent at various international camps. As a trainer with WAGGGS Multipliers, and in her present position in the Resource Pool, Lara has travelled for the purposes of training, seminars, workshops and meetings.

Lara has attended various seminars and expeditions for the President's Award. She has undertaken a post-Graduate course in Olympic Studies, in Greece.