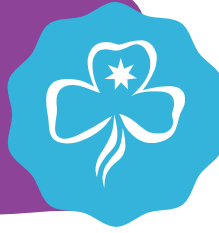


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# PROGRAM STARTERS



As 2021 begins, it is time to get thinking about connecting with your community, embracing adventure and developing yourself further. Consider how you and your peer group can 'Live for the Challenge!' in 2021.

**TOP TIP:** Consider embedding these opportunities into peak achievement awards, such as the OBP, Olave Challenge, an Adult Endeavour or the Commonwealth Award. Not sure about awards? **FIND OUT MORE HERE** >

## WORLD THINKING DAY

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 #WTD2021

*The theme for World Thinking Day 2021 is peacebuilding.*

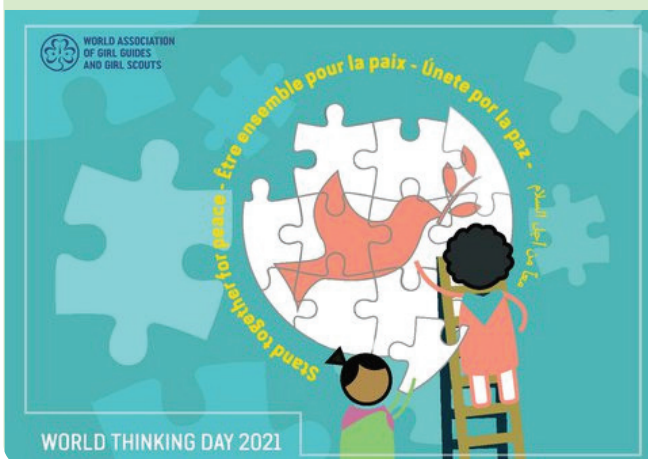
Peacebuilding is at the heart of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting and is as vital and relevant today as for the last 100 years. By completing the steps in the Stand Together For Peace activity pack, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will; Stand Strong, Stand up and Stand Together for peacebuilding. We want you to be part of this!

On 22 February Stand Strong, Stand up and Stand Together for peacebuilding!

Check out the 2021 WAGGGS resource: [www.waggggs.org/en/resources/world-thinking-day-2021-activity-pack/](http://www.waggggs.org/en/resources/world-thinking-day-2021-activity-pack/)

### Take action by:

- Volunteering for a peace initiative
- Connecting with peace advocates in your community
- Researching international peace building organisations
- Raising awareness for peace in your community
- Joining your region Thinking Day events or celebrate the day with your local Guiding community
- Supporting the World Thinking Day Fund



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Get involved with Clean Up Australia 2021 as a member of your community.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 18.3 million + Australians have donated their time as part of Clean Up Australia activities over the last 30 years.
- 36 million hours of volunteer time has been donated to Clean Up activities to benefit our environment
- 380,000 + Ute loads of rubbish have been removed as part of Clean Up Australia activities

Register a Clean Up event and encourage your community to take part!

[www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/fundraise/ccu](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/fundraise/ccu)

Great site choices include local parks, beaches, rivers, shared outdoor spaces and more.

Once registered you will be sent a kit with everything you need to get started for your Clean Up event. Please be conscious of your event plan and be aware of your physical distancing practices.



**How else could you be involved?** How will you Step Up? Share your pledge using the hashtags **#CleanUpAustralia #StepUpToCleanUp**

**To Step up, check out:** [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)

### Take action by:

- Registering your Clean Up Australia Day event
- Partnering with your community to care for your environment
- Raising awareness for sustainability
- Learning to be more sustainable in your daily life – make a change!
- Sharing your pledge on social media





## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

**International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.**

International Women's Day (IWD) has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere.

IWD 2021 campaign theme: **#ChooseToChallenge**

- A challenged world is an alert world
- Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions – all day, every day
- We can choose to challenge and call out gender stereotypes and bias
- We can choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements
- Collectively, we can create an inclusive world

**From challenge comes change.  
Choose to challenge.**

**Check this out for some excellent resources:** [www.internationalwomensday.com/Activity/12216/TeachStarter](http://www.internationalwomensday.com/Activity/12216/TeachStarter)



**Take action by:**

- Connecting with female role models in your community
- Promoting gender equality in your community. Write a letter to your MP, advocate on social media, join a IWD event – choose to challenge!
- Learning about an issue you're passionate about and raise your voice!
- Considering how you can make a change to improve a gender issue
- Raising money to support a women's cause



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## HARMONY WEEK

15<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> March 2021



**Harmony Week is about coming together to celebrate the cultural diversity in your area and spread the message of 'everyone belongs'.**

Local organisations and community leaders are at the heart of Harmony Week. Your support means people all over the country can celebrate Harmony. They can come together and share, learn and appreciate the diversity that is Australia.

Bringing communities together through sport, food, music and entertainment plays an important role in promoting our cultural diversity. It creates an opportunity to think, talk about and recognise how our differences and our similarities make Australia a great place to live.

**Check out:** [www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

**This could help Guides explore the following:**

- Attending or hosting a multicultural event
- Learning about another culture and sharing your learning with your peers
- Connecting with your community and researching its cultural history
- Tracing your cultural heritage



## EARTH HOUR

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 8:30–9:30pm



**WWF's Earth Hour is the world's biggest movement to protect our planet.**

Take part in Earth Hour by switching off at 8.30pm for 60 minutes as a symbolic gesture of solidarity to show they care about our planet's future. This year, we're inviting all Australians to #SwitchOff and raise their voices for nature for the most important Earth Hour yet.

2021 is a critical year for us and for the planet. It's a year of important global meetings on environmental policy. These meetings are our opportunity to persuade global leaders to make decisions that will benefit our planet's future, and that we have to protect and restore nature before it's too late.

Be part of the global movement. By signing up to #SwitchOff, you'll show key Australian politicians that they must act with urgency if we're to save the one home we all share.

Ensure the future of our planet is at the top of the agenda.

**Check out:** [www.earthhour.org.au/get-involved](http://www.earthhour.org.au/get-involved)

**Take action by:**

- Joining the #SwitchOff campaign
- Supporting an environmental conservation program
- Raising funds for or partnering with a community conservation organisation
- Doing something adventurous outdoors e.g. canoeing, hiking or rock climbing
- Making a change for a most sustainable lifestyle