

Leaders of their World – Advocacy Resource Launch

It is with great excitement that today we launch a program resource to support Leaders facilitate the development of advocacy skills. The resource, titled *'Leaders of their World'*, empowers girls and young women to take charge and create change on issues that matter to them.

Advocacy is influencing decision-makers to make decisions that will create an equal world. Girl Guiding in Australia supports the voice of girls and young women to advocate on issues that they consider will improve their lives and the lives of others. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has worked closely with Girl Guides Australia to develop this resource and further enable girl-led advocacy.

'Leaders of their World' includes practical program activities to support advocacy skill development for Australian girls and young women. The resource provides activities in three developmental stages (5-8 years, 9-13 years and 14-30 years) and is designed to be a Girl Guide meeting program to strengthen the skills required for girl-led advocacy.

This resource aligns to the WAGGGS Leadership Mindsets and current best practice in WAGGGS girl-led advocacy. These pivotal WAGGGS foundations are a first in Australian Girl Guide programming and provide opportunities to further explore advocacy and leadership concepts through existing WAGGGS resources. This resource will also raise awareness for advocacy through the concept of leadership, in supporting girls, young women and adult volunteers to broaden their understanding of advocacy and its relevance to their communities.

'Leaders of their World' is available on the GGA website at:

<https://www.girlguides.org.au/resources/>

Please remember to consult the GGA Advocacy Framework when planning advocacy action. This Framework includes the principles for advocacy in Girl Guiding in Australia and is also available on the Girl Guides Australia website at: <https://www.girlguides.org.au/resources/>