

Girls' Brigade England & Wales Network Executive Representatives

Members of the GB England and Wales Network Executive play an important role in the leadership, and development, of the ministry of Girls' Brigade's local uniformed community groups.

They are appointed to manage and develop the mission and practice of the Network in fulfilment of its aims and purpose and in accordance with the Articles of Association of GB Ministries (in particular Article 29).

The executive committee is made up of up to 24 members.

- Up to 10 of whom are elected as representatives of volunteers and members across England & Wales
- Up to 14 other persons, elected and whose number shall be made up of a mix of Council Members and persons who are independent from the Network and GB Ministries. At least four of the Executive Committee Members elected under this Regulation must be under 30 years of age (at the point of election). Those Executive Committee Members elected under this regulation shall also include the person elected as Honorary Treasurer

The Girls' Brigade England & Wales Network is currently looking for up to 7 GB Leaders over the age of 18 to be a Representative member of the Network Executive. We are particularly looking for leaders from the North East, Midlands, Cymru and Greater London areas but welcome applications from all areas.

The Network Executive meets at least three times a year, in February, June and October. In addition to the you may be asked to join working groups focussed on specific tasks.

As a Network Executive member you'll serve a three-year term of office, with a possible second term being available. We choose our Network Executive members based on a person specification and a skills matrix, which reflects the needs of good governance and the needs of GBEW.

GB England & Wales Network Executive – role and objectives

The role and objectives of the GB England and Wales Network ("the Network") is to:

- Work closely with local churches to provide fun, meaningful, and life enhancing activities that enable (primarily) girls and women to explore Christian faith and develop life and leadership skills;
- Form local, age-specific Girls' Brigade groups to enable this style of children's and youth/young adult work to be organised and thrive; and
- Train, commission, and resource volunteers ready for their appointment by the local church to establish Girls' Brigade groups as part of church mission in the community.

This work is usually focused within England and Wales, and the local groups operate within a code of good practice (set out within the document known as the "GB Handbook") established and monitored by the Executive Committee of the Network (see 13) and published across the Network from time to time.

In addition to the role set out above, the local Girls' Brigade groups, their members and leaders are considered members of the international Christian youth organisation known as Girls' Brigade International Council (company number 01460734 and charity number 279811) ("GBI"). The Executive Committee of the Network is delegated by GB Ministries to represent and conduct business on behalf of the GB Ministries as pertains to The Network at meetings of GBI.

Your responsibilities

It's a voluntary role, and you must be committed to furthering the purposes of GBM, and have the skills, experience and personal qualities needed for the operation leadership of the GBEW Network and its mission. To serve as a Network Executive Representative member you must be over the age of 18 and be a registered GB Leader or Advanced Young Leader.

Key responsibilities include:

- To attend as many Network Executive and Council meetings as possible, and in any case to attend at least two-thirds of the meetings held in any one year.
- To serve on Work Groups/Standing Committees as agreed with the Network Executive.
- To understand and implement the responsibilities of the England and Wales Network Executive as determined by the GB Ministries Board.

So far as it lies in your power as an individual Network Executive member:

- To ensure that Network Executive duties for which you are personally responsible are properly carried out.
- To ensure that the Network Executive develops and helps follow through the aims, objectives, strategy, and policy of the GB England & Wales in a way that is consistent with the vision, aims, values and overall direction and strategy of GB Ministries.
- To ensure that the Network Executive seeks the guidance of the Board as envisaged by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Governance Document
- To ensure that the Board seeks the guidance of the England and Wales Council as envisaged by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Governance Document.
- To ensure that, with the help of the Director and Coordinators team, the Network Executive reviews the matters referred to in item 5 above on a regular basis.
- To ensure that the Network Executive reports appropriately to the GB Ministries Board on its stewardship and decisions, and on the affairs of GB England & Wales .
- To ensure that the Network Executive reports regularly and fully to the Council on its stewardship and decisions, and on the affairs of GB England & Wales .
- To ensure that the Network Executive receives the advice of the Director and team on all relevant matters.
- To ensure that, when authority is delegated to committees, that it is done in clear terms.
- To ensure that the Network Executive gives appropriate advice to the Council on all relevant appointments, whether of Council members, Network Executive members or honorary officers
- To ensure that the Network Executive prayerfully supports the work of the staff team.

All new Network Executive members will receive an induction into the charity and their role as a Network Executive member. We encourage Network Executive members to build relationships through a buddy system to encourage engagement and sharing of expertise.

Time commitment

Around 8 to 10 days a year, this includes reading and prep time and is broken down as follows:

- Attending three Network Executive meetings a year (virtual or face-to-face) and occasional additional meetings. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses are reimbursed.
- Attending three GB Council meetings a year (virtual or face-to-face)
- Participating in other meetings or workgroups as required.

This is not a paid role, but GB Ministries will cover all your reasonable expenses.

Person specification

Members of the Network Executive play an important role in the leadership and development of this aspect of GBM's ministry, and we look to them to be people who are:

- Open and courageous to follow God's leading.
- Personally exploring, discovering, and following Jesus Christ
- Willing to accept GB's missional statements and approach their role in tune with our values.

We also ask that they have:

- Commitment to the mission of GB England & Wales as part of the wider mission of GB Ministries
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to carry out fully the tasks and responsibilities of a Network Executive member.
- Strategic vision
- Independent and sound judgement
- An ability to think creatively and independently.
- Good self-expression and ability to make effective contributions.
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team.
- Willingness to support the ministry in prayer and encouragement.
- An understanding and acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of a Network Executive member
- Willingness to adhere to Nolan's seven principles of public life: *selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.*

If you want to know more about the role or selection process, please contact gbc@gb-ministries.org or call 01246 582322.

Adjustments

If you need any adjustments to be made to enable you to submit your profile, please let us know in advance of the closing date.