



Girlguiding



Application pack

Data architect

£55,568 + £3,500 location allowance (LA) per year

(rising to £59,630 + LA after you successfully complete probation)

London

Closing date: 8 October 2024



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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in joining our team.

Here at Girlguiding, we're all about the girls.

For over 100 years, we've given girls a space where they can be themselves and have fun – we help them to laugh, learn, explore and have adventures.

Our vision is for an equal world where all girls can make a positive difference, be happy, safe and fulfil their potential. We're fully committed to building a world where all girls know they can do anything.

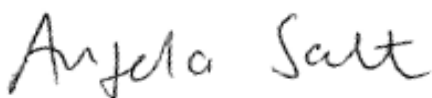
Join us to celebrate with girls on their first adventures with new friends. To watch with pride when girls speak out on the issues that matter to them. And to support our amazing volunteers to learn new skills and give girls exceptional experiences.

It's an exciting time to join Girlguiding, as we transform and evolve the way we work. We want to be more flexible for volunteers and reach more girls in underrepresented areas. We've also modernised the way we look and feel, to better reflect who we are and what we do today.

We know the benefits of a diverse workforce, so we're committed to inclusivity and to employing people from all backgrounds. Girlguiding is proud to work with a number of organisations who support us to create and maintain a culture that celebrates diversity and champions inclusion in the workplace. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds.

Together with volunteers, we'll continue to create positive change with and for girls and young women. We're looking for skilled, passionate people to help us – I hope you feel inspired to join us.

Thank you,



Angela Salt OBE

Chief executive



About Girlguiding

Girls can do anything.

We help every girl discover this for herself, whether she's 4 or 18 or in between. All girls have a home at Girlguiding – whoever they are, and wherever they are. This is a place where she can be herself, get creative, explore, and most of all have fun. Where she'll make special friends and do things she never thought she could.

Girlguiding is what each girl wants it to be. She can choose her own path through our activities and events. It might be giggles in sleeping bags. Songs around a campfire. The buzz of getting a new badge. The sound of thousands of excited girls at their very own music festival. The thrill of doing something for the first time. Coming home exhausted and full of stories and having made new friends.

We help girls think big and be bold. We catch them if they stumble and encourage them to try again. We show them a world of possibilities big and small.

We're for girls, with girls, led by girls.

We're Girlguiding.

Our vision

An equal world where all girls can make a positive difference, be happy, safe and fulfil their potential.

Our mission

Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we empower girls to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community.

Our values

Caring • Challenging • Empowering • Fun • Inclusive • Inspiring

Girlguiding's sections



Rainbows welcomes all girls from 4 to 7 years old for play, learning and tons of fun in a colourful, safe space.

[See more of what Rainbows do](#)



Brownies welcomes all girls from 7 to 10 years old for nonstop fun, learning and adventure.

[Find out more about Brownies](#)



Guides is a relaxed, welcoming space where girls can have fun, learn and be themselves with good friends from 10 to 14 years old.

[Discover more about guides](#)



Rangers is a space for girls from 14 to 18 to get together to have fun, learn more, give back, hang out, and just be themselves.

[Explore more about Rangers](#)

Girlguiding's strategy

Today, tomorrow, together

We're working towards 4 key goals:

An unrivalled, girl-led experience

We want to offer experiences so fun, accessible and empowering that they inspire more girls, young women and volunteers to join than ever before. So we're going to keep putting girls at the centre of everything we do. Every decision we make, big or small, should be led by girls and young women.

Rewarding and flexible volunteering

We want all volunteers to enjoy their time with us. We want volunteering to be flexible so it's easier for people to give their time. So, we're going to create opportunities that fit around people's lives. This will give more people the opportunity to share their talents and deliver great guiding to reach more girls and young women.

An inclusive and impactful organisation

We want Girlguiding to have an even bigger impact and influence on local communities and across the UK. So we're going to find fresh and exciting ways to welcome new girls and volunteers to make sure our community develops to reflect the world around us. We're going to make more people better aware of Girlguiding by proudly telling the world about our amazing achievements and hero girls' voices.

Building a sustainable and future-proof organisation

We want to make sure Girlguiding is fit for the future so we can continue to give girls great experiences. We'll adapt how our organisation is designed and how we work to be the most effective organisation possible. We want our staff, volunteers and members to become 1 team.

[Find out more about our strategy](#)

Girlguiding's structure

Girlguiding breaks down into gradually smaller groups that make guiding possible in their area. All guiding units and areas are charities in their own right.

At a UK-level we're overseen by our board of trustees, who make decisions and make sure they're carried out. Our chief guide is one of them.

Our chief executive heads Girlguiding's UK staff team and is responsible for making sure the work they do follows the direction the trustees have agreed. Our team is spread across several sites:

- Girlguiding headquarters in London
- Our activity centre, ICANDO, in London
- Trading service in Altrincham, Cheshire

Our council represents Girlguiding's membership. Members, who come from all our countries and regions, can be consulted on major projects to make sure that decisions reflect the opinions of our members UK-wide.

Girlguiding was established as a charity by Royal Charter in 1922. Our Royal Charter is our governing document. The bye-laws within it set out the rules for how we must be governed. For example, it states how many trustees we must have and what our council does, among other things.

[How we are run](#) page on our website has more information on our trustees, council and chief guide team.

For more information on our accounts see:

[2023 annual report and financial statements](#)

[Our profile on the Charity Commission website](#)

A new digital future for Girlguiding

Girlguiding helps all girls know they can do anything. And to do this, we need to make sure that everyone in guiding is supported by brilliant technology. That's why Girlguiding is starting a long-term project, to ensure that volunteers, girls, parents or carers and Girlguiding staff can all enjoy smooth and efficient technologies by 2028, and spend time doing what really matters – helping girls enjoy the magic of guiding. This programme referred to as Digital Futures, is a five-year roadmap for Girlguiding's tools, technologies and processes enabling Girlguiding to continue to evolve in the future. Staying tuned into everybody's needs is at the heart of the work, with a focus on a people-centred approach to service and solution design.

You'll be part of the programme team, working alongside an external technology partner, and connected to a wider programme of Transformation activities for Girlguiding.

The role

Overall purpose

- To lead on the design, implementation and ongoing improvement of Girlguiding's strategic data architecture, platform and capability whilst ensuring alignment with business needs. Enable and promote Girlguiding's effective use and management of data across the organisation.

Main area of responsibility

1. Taking responsibility for the design and development of the strategic data architecture and data platform, including the logical data model, reference architectures, and data dictionaries; defining how all data entities and objects across the organisation are related, to underpin and guide all data management activities.
2. Championing data architecture and data management best practice supporting the organisation-wide development of data capabilities and change by building relationships and coproducing solutions with stakeholders.
3. Assuring the organisation-wide understanding of the data landscape through the development, ownership, and socialisation of data architecture plans and documentation.
4. Ownership of the data platform, responsible for optimising the solution to maximise business value by translating business requirements into the development of the data architecture and solutions to drive forward the business, technology and data strategies.
5. Inputting into and supporting the development of policies and procedures to ensure appropriate data management practices.
6. Supporting the effective design and implementation of new data solutions to support best practice data management and ensure interoperability between systems.
7. Supporting the development of reporting and analysis processes and associated activities across the organisation.
8. Supporting the development and alignment of performance impact, KPI reporting, research, and analysis processes to ensure data integrity and efficiency.

Additional information

- To undertake any other duties that may reasonably be required to fulfil the duties of this post.
- Evening and weekend working is expected to be minimal for this role. If this is required, this will be communicated with prior notice, and time off in lieu will be given.

The person

Criteria	Assessment A, I, T	Essential or Desirable
Skills		
The ability to view, interpret and communicate complex data environments logically and holistically.	A/I	Essential
Ability to optimise a solution to maximise business value as platform (product) owner	A/I	Essential
Ability to build constructive relationships with a broad range of senior internal and external stakeholders to manage and facilitate technical change.	A/I	Essential
Innovative thinking to devise solutions that address the gap between business needs and technological constraints including high level data handling and analytical skills	A/I	Essential
Experience of		
Developing and owning data architecture within a complex organisation.	A/I	Essential
Developing data/information asset registers, catalogues, data models and dictionaries.	A/I	Essential
Contributing to developing effective data policies and procedures.	A/I	Essential
Championing and working with multiple stakeholders demonstrating the benefits of good data management practices.	A/I	Essential
Working with people and managing resources to achieve objectives.	A/I	Essential
Working in volunteer-led, membership or not-for-profit organisations.	A	Desirable
Knowledge		
Excellent understanding of data privacy and security best practice	A/I	Essential
Strong knowledge of current data architecture best-practice, methodologies, tools, and frameworks	A/I	Essential
A practical understanding of diversity and inclusion at work.	A/I	Essential
Awareness of the data challenges facing a non-profit membership organisation.	A/I	Desirable
Academic or professional qualifications in data architecture related disciplines or 4 years' experience.	A	Desirable

*A = Application form I = Interview T = Test

Employment details

Contract type

This is a permanent role for 35 hours per week. However, at times you may be required to work more hours, including evenings and weekends. Time off in lieu (TOIL) will be available to cover this. We don't pay overtime.

Location

You'll be based at Girlguiding headquarters, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT. Occasionally you may need to do your role from other Girlguiding premises within a reasonable travelling distance of this location. You may need to travel inside the UK as part of working for Girlguiding.

Salary

The salary for the position is £55,568 per year plus £3,500 location allowance (LA). Once you successfully complete your probation, your salary will increase to £59,630 per year plus LA.

Location allowance is payable to those who work in accordance with our hybrid working model and attend the office 40% of the time.

Holiday entitlement

You'll have 25 days of paid holiday per year plus bank holidays. This will increase by 1 day for every year of service to a maximum of 30 days.

This allowance will be pro-rata for part-time and fixed-term employees.

Medical and criminal records check

Once you're appointed, you'll need to fill out a confidential occupational health questionnaire. This will let us consider how we can make any reasonable adjustments you need.

We may ask you to do a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check. You'll only be able to work for Girlguiding if this is satisfactory.

How we value our people

We recognise the fantastic commitment and efforts our staff make to keep Girlguiding running smoothly and efficiently, and to open up a world of possibilities for girls. So we offer a wide range of **employee benefits**, including:

Being family-friendly and flexible

We have a generous family-friendly policy, incorporating maternity, paternity / partner, adoption and shared parental leave. We top up Statutory Maternity Pay to 100% of your salary for the first 20 weeks of maternity leave, 50% for the next 19 weeks and 30% for the final 13 weeks.

We're also a member of Tommy's Pregnancy at Work Scheme, which provides advice and guidance for pregnant employees.

Flexible working

We're committed to supporting you to achieve a good work-life balance. We offer flexible working options wherever we reasonably can. This can include hybrid working, part-time working and flexi-time. We also offer time off in lieu (TOIL) if you need to work outside your usual hours, for example to attend an event or committee meeting.

Pension

We offer a competitive group scheme, where we contribute 10% of your salary to your pension when you contribute a minimum of 5%.

Life assurance

We automatically enter all our staff into our life assurance scheme. It will pay out a tax-free sum to whoever you choose if you die. This will be 4 times your salary. All our casual staff are entitled to up to £5,000.

Leave

We give staff 25 days' annual leave, which increases by 1 day for every year of service to a maximum of 30 days.

We also encourage our staff to volunteer. You'll get 5 days of volunteering leave, which you can use to support Girlguiding or other organisations.

We offer career breaks too. After 3 years of working for Girlguiding, you can apply for a break of between 3 months and 1 year.

Interest-free season ticket loan

After you complete probation, we can offer you an interest-free season ticket loan up to a maximum of £10,000 a year.

Cycle2Work scheme

We take part in the government's Cycle2Work initiative. This scheme allows you to buy or rent bikes and accessories through Girlguiding, in partnership with Halfords, while saving on tax and national insurance.

Looking after your health and wellbeing

As a Girlguiding employee, you'll be able to take part in our Healthcare Cash Plan. This provides money to help you cover the costs of medical, dental and eye care. We also offer free flu vaccinations to all staff every year.

If you regularly use a laptop for work, we'll offer you a free eyesight exam every 2 years (after you complete probation). And we'll contribute £55 towards glasses.

Our Employee Assistance Programme is there to help you and your immediate family, offering independent help, information and guidance. Free and confidential support and guidance is available 24/7 via its helpline, plus up to 8 counselling sessions.

We also offer our staff discounts at more than 3,000 gyms, health clubs, leisure centres and yoga studios.

Your learning and development

We offer a wide variety of learning and development opportunities, from in-house workshops to external courses. We encourage all our employees to continuously develop their skills through personal development plans, our annual training calendar and an Assisted Study programme, where we may offer financial support and/or time off to do professional work-related qualifications.

Staff who have successfully passed their probation can also apply for 1 annual professional subscription a year to help them learn, develop and perform well in their role.

Retail discounts

You'll get a 10% discount at our Girlguiding shop. We also offer a range of retail, entertainment, food and drink and other discounts via our BenefitsHub.

Flexible benefits

With a diverse workforce, we know certain benefits we offer will appeal to some staff more than others. So we've introduced some flexibility on what benefits you can choose, to a level that suits you. And you'll have quick and easy access to benefits through a handy app.

Staff consultation

Consulting with our staff is really important to us. We have a consultation group, made up of a representative from each team, so you can have your say on important issues.

Fun stuff!

Life shouldn't be all work and no play, so we take part in the softball charity league and run regular quizzes. We also have a social committee to arrange events outside of working hours.

Please note that benefits aren't part of your contract of employment and are subject to change at Girlguiding's discretion.

How to apply

This recruitment campaign is being handled by Anderson Quigley.

We recommend that you submit your CV and supporting information as soon as possible. We reserve the right to close vacancies at any time, when we've received enough applications.

We'll invite shortlisted candidates to interviews on w/c 14 October 2024. Interviews will be held online.

Unfortunately, we're unable to give feedback to candidates not shortlisted for interviews. We do offer verbal feedback to candidates we interview, if they would like it.

For our staff, girls and volunteers, we want to be a place where everyone is welcome, is free to be themselves, and has an equal sense of belonging – whoever they are and wherever they're from. We are committed to employing and supporting a diverse workforce and welcome applicants from all backgrounds.