

More About World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day was first created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide / Girl Scout International Conference held at Girl Scouts of the USA's Camp Edith Macy (now known as Edith Macy Conference Center). Conference attendees decided that there should be a special day when girl guides and girl scouts around the world think of each other and give thanks and appreciation for their "sister" girl guides/scouts. The delegates chose February 22 as it was the mutual birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement and his wife, Olave, who served as the World Chief Guide.

In 1932, during the seventh World Conference held in Poland, a Belgian delegate suggested that since birthdays usually involve presents, girls could show their appreciation and friendship on Thinking Day by extending not only warm wishes but by offering a voluntary contribution to the World Association. This is how the World's Association Thinking Day Fund began. The fund helps offer Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting to more girls and young women worldwide.

To emphasize the global aspects of Thinking Day, members of the 30th World Conference, held in Ireland in 1999, changed the name *Thinking Day* to *World Thinking Day*.

World Thinking Day provides an opportunity for Girl Guides/Girl Scouts around the world to put their thoughts into action by participating in activities that promote international understanding.

More About Girl Guides Singapore

Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) is a Uniformed Youth Organisation and is part of a worldwide movement of 10 Million members in 144 countries, with a mission "to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizen of the world". The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), one of the ten largest agencies of the United Nation, has a vision to be "a growing worldwide Movement - the voice of girls and young women who influence issues they care about and build a better world".

Girl Guiding is open to all girls and women without any distinction of race, creed, nationality or any other circumstance. It is a game of adventure, observation, knowledge and ideas. The aim is to provide girls and young women with the opportunity for self-training in the development of character, in the realisation of responsible citizenship and promotion of service to the community. To maintain a high ethical standard based on the aims and principles embodied in the "Promise and Law" as laid down by the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, and to encourage international goodwill and understanding by establishing friendly relations with girls of other nations.

Started in 1917, GGS has a proud heritage, a fine record of achievement and a long tradition of providing a high quality non-formal educational programme that is dynamic, flexible and values-based training in life skills, leadership and decision making. Our unique 5-Point Programme, which caters for the holistic development of girls and young women, emphasising on Personal Development, Home, Community, Outdoors and International, has reached to thousands of girls and young women; engaging and empowering them so that they can make a difference amongst their friends, their families and the wider community they live in.

Over the last 90 year, GGS has grown from strength to strength and today it has over 13,000 members and is the largest and choice Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) group for girls in