

Multiple local councils¹ and GSUSA² encourage girls to participate in WAGGGS' World Thinking Day, described as "a day of friendship, advocacy, and fundraising for girls around the world." The 2015 focus is educating girl members on the WAGGGS organization and the UN Millennium Development Goals, including improving maternal health through family planning methods³. Girls are asked to donate⁴ to WAGGGS' World Thinking Day Fund as "all funds raised will go towards helping WAGGGS to deliver even more high quality educational programmes and international opportunities⁵."

See footnotes and documentation below:

(Also learn more about WAGGGS' abortion rights advocacy: <http://mygirlscoutcouncil.com/uploads/3/2/6/7/3267198/waggs.pdf>)

¹ Examples of local councils promote WAGGGS World Thinking Day and/or WAGGGS World Thinking Day curriculum:

Girl Scouts Virginia Skyline Council: <http://www.gsvsc.org/thinkingday/>

Girl Scouts Colorado: <https://gscoblog.wordpress.com/2014/11/15/world-thinking-day-2015-activity-packet-released/>

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey: <https://www.gsnj.org/Resources/Pages/Dates-to-Remember.aspx>

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia: <https://www.gshg.org/Volunteer-Resources/Pages/Forms-and-Resources.aspx> (under "documents for girls and troops")

² GSUSA promotes and encourages girls to participate in WAGGGS' World Thinking Day:

https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day/

³See WAGGGS 2015 World Thinking Day curriculum:

<http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/grab/25466/1/1wtd-2015-booklet-en-1-.pdf> (page 31) WAGGGS encourages girls to learn more about the other MDGs, including "Goal 5. Improve maternal health: maternal health includes family planning, preconception, prenatal and postnatal care."

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The MDGs are drawn from the Millennium Declaration, created at the Millennium Summit in 2000. This was the largest gathering of political leaders from around the world in history!

The Millennium Declaration promises to "free all men, women, and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty" and was adopted by 189 nations and signed by 147 heads of state.

The 8 Millennium Development Goals are:



Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: the aim is to halve the number of people living in poverty on less than \$1 USD a day and halve the number of people who suffer from hunger.



Goal 2. Achieve universal primary education: the aim is to make sure that all girls and boys complete a full course of primary schooling.



Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women: the aim is to remove gender differences in primary and secondary education at all levels.



Goal 4. Reduce child mortality: The aim is to reduce the rate of death among children under five by two thirds.

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Goal 5. Improve maternal health: maternal health includes family planning, preconception, prenatal and postnatal care. The aim is to reduce the number of mothers dying by three quarters.

⁴The final component of the 2015 World Thinking Day packet is donating to WAGGGS' World Thinking Day Fund. <http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/grab/25466/1/1wtd-2015-booklet-en-1-.pdf> (see pages 42-44)

Donation requests on pages 42-43

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I would like to make a World Thinking Day donation

(Please tick ✓ currency and amount and then select your method of payment below) £ \$ €

1,000 500 100 50 25 other amount

Cheque/Draft Please find enclosed my cheque payable to **WAGGGS**

Credit Card Please fill in the details required at the bottom of this form

Bank Transfer I made a Bank Transfer on [dd/mm/yy] _____

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Have you raised money for World Thinking Day?

You can donate the funds you've raised to the Fund in one of the following ways.

Girl Guide and Girl Scout groups or individuals donating through their national Association

Check with your national Association to see if they are collecting money to send to The World Association World Thinking Day Fund. Find out from your Association how they accept donations.

Girl Guide and Girl Scout groups or individuals donating directly

If your Association isn't collecting donations for The World Association World Thinking Day Fund, or if you wish to make a personal donation, please consider the following methods:

- **Donating online** at www.worldthinkingday.org/en/donatenow
Donating online is simple, quick and secure. Please have your credit card or bank details ready.

⁵WAGGGS states “all [World Thinking Day] funds raised will go towards helping WAGGGS to deliver even more high quality educational programmes and international opportunities.” <http://www.wagggs.org/en/news/23351> (scroll to heading: “Focus Countries”)

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Focus Countries

This year we have decided not to nominate focus countries for World Thinking Day, instead, all funds raised will go towards helping WAGGGS to deliver even more high quality educational programmes and international opportunities that provide girls and young women dynamic, flexible and values-based training in life skills, leadership and citizenship. If you would like to focus on a different Girl Guide or Girl Scout Association why not **visit our website** for some inspiration? Let us know who you choose and what you get up to.