



# Girlguiding UK

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Welcome to the latest update on Project Streamline - **please circulate this newsletter as widely as possible**. This newsletter is also available at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/streamline](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/streamline)

## Good News from Wales

Girlguiding Cymru have managed to secure enough funding from the Welsh Assembly for each of their Counties to have a web enabled laptop! Although the bid primarily focused on the on-line CRB, the laptops will be of great value for carrying out *guiding* computer activities, notably for using Go! If you're feeling inspired, please visit the Funding and Fundraising section of the website where you can download information about fundraising for capital items such as computers, as well as a range of other hopefully helpful resources! Or you can email [funding-for-units@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:funding-for-units@girlguiding.org.uk)

## What's happening now?

The mood in the team is really high and we are all excited at the progress we are making. GUK headquarters and Country and Region offices are getting ready say cheerio to the AMD! Our new database Go! will replace the AMD at the end of May 2008, when it will have most of the AMD functions plus new ones. And in the following months, there will be more to come!

The **Technology** group is carrying out heavy testing of the Go! database. Marion Wynn, Midlands Deputy Chief Commissioner, who's been involved in testing since day one, says: "The testing is going really well. Most tests have passed and I am very encouraged by the way things are happening. The Go! live launch is so exciting. In fact, there is no better way of testing Go! than with the launch as we could be doing it forever to get right. It's very important that the staff look this up as an opportunity to make sure that everything works!"

Alongside this work, we are developing the Portal application which will enable volunteers everywhere to access Go!

On a separate note, we are sad to announce that Ruth Amenu, our Systems Implementation Manager, will be leaving GUK on 11<sup>th</sup> April. We would like to thank Ruth for her enthusiasm and huge commitment to Project Streamline over the



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last 3 years which has enabled us to progress the project to this point in time. On the other hand, we have welcomed Leonard Martin, our new Senior Project Manager, on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The **Training and Support** group are currently finalising the calendar of County residential weekends planned to run from September 2008 to May 2009. C/R Pioneers will be contacting Counties by the end of April to confirm their dates and the number of places available. The calendar is being planned in partnership with the Technology group to ensure that there is a phased approach to the roll-out, which will ensure that County personnel get the support they need. The Training and Support Team are looking to using a variety of training methods that will appeal to all learning styles.

The **Communications** group have updated the Streamline web pages with up-to-date information and project documentation. There, you can find out what Go! can do and pass on the message to anyone who wants know!

## Minimum pc requirements

To use Go! users need to make sure that their computer runs the following:

- Internet Explorer 6 or above** - for accessing the secure web-based Go! database
- Windows 2000 or above** - yes, that includes Windows XP and the latest Windows Vista!
- Microsoft Office 2000 or above** - for performing tasks that involve documents

Once you can tick all these boxes, you will be good to Go!

## Volunteer Support Networks

All Counties should now have their County Volunteer Support Network in place and are starting to prepare for the introduction of the new ways of working with Go! approximately 12 weeks after their residential weekend.

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