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## Influence

Fair warning: if you get into a conversation with me that lasts longer than, say, ten minutes, I'm going to try and talk about running.

It's a fairly recent love affair. (Or, as my flatmates call it, addiction.) Pity my friends. For the last 21 months they've had to listen to me enthuse about shoe fit, socks, the best tracking methods, medals, achieving PRs, the best running foods, blisters, blood blisters, losing toenails - is there anything running *doesn't* have to offer?

Listening to me talk about running, you'd be forgiven for thinking that I'm awesome at it. I'm not. I'm not built for it and my times, while slowly getting faster, are decidedly average. What I am good at is making sure I get out there and run, sticking with a training plan, and not letting myself be deterred by things like, say, winter, or thunderstorms\*.

I was surprised last week when two of my friends told me they'd taken up running because I'd inspired them. Like I said - I'm not awesome at it. How had I inspired them? "Because you love it so much", I was told.

Enthusiasm is catching. I was thinking about IFG during this evening's run. Maybe enthusiasm is one of the most important things we can bring as leaders. For the programme, for the relationships we have with the girls and families, for sharing about God. The impact that comes out of it may be surprising.

- Isabel

*\*I probably should have been deterred by that thunderstorm.*



### Prayer Points

Please pray for healing for those girls and leaders who are sick

Please pray for the IFG Ministry Team

Please pray for each IFG unit throughout the country as they minister to girls and families each week

Give thanks for leaders for and pray for refreshment and new vision to serve the girls in their units

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## National Leadership Training

6 - 8 May 2016

Totara Springs Christian Centre, Matamata

This training weekend is for all adult leaders aged 18 and over, and for junior leaders 14 to 17 years with the oversight of an adult leader.

This year the focus will be on the various development stages as girls progress through the i-girlz programme and how best to meet the needs of each age group.

Enjoy the company of leaders from other parts of New Zealand as you learn new skills, swap ideas and support each other in the IFG ministry.

Please mark this in your 2016 diary now. Cost will be \$200 - \$250 per person and the Team is applying for funding to subsidise this. Your help in seeking funding to cover your registration fee would be appreciated.

## Photo Rally - GBNZ Competition

If you've been on the IFG Leaders Facebook page lately you've probably seen a video promoting this upcoming event. It would be really great to have some IFG teams taking part! Girls and leaders between the ages of 12 and 25 can participate in teams with a minimum of three and maximum of eight people.

The event will take place 4 - 18 October, and teams will have a number of photos to take. I'm told there's prizes! For more information check out the video on Facebook and the registration form at <http://goo.gl/forms/bJc5otD5lv>

## Frequently Asked Questions

**I have extra badges after the end of term, can I swap them?**

The place for badge swapping is the IFG Leaders Facebook page - let other Unit leaders know what you're after, and what you have to swap. Please liaise with each other to facilitate the swapping of badges.