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## Happy New Year!

Happy new year to all the leaders out there in i-girlz land! By now you'll all be getting back into IFG for the year. Our unit is starting back next week with an *Alice in Wonderland* themed night, including a Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

*Alice* is a wonderfully quoteable story. I especially like the remark the Queen makes to Alice, 'sometimes I believe in as many as six impossible things before breakfast'. This is how I feel about this time of the year, as the year is still waking up and not yet fully in gear. I'm excited about the possibilities the year holds, and I have time to dream up ideas (including plans for IFG). Some of my ideas may seem impossible. With these, I find one of three things happens as the year progresses:

- An idea falls by the wayside - it was impossible after all, or it was the wrong time, or, when I really think about it, it wasn't a great idea after all.
- The impossible idea sparks some other not-so-impossible ideas that actually take flight.
- **I believe in the idea enough, can get others on board, and with a bit of hard work, prayer, and perseverance, it becomes a reality.**

What impossible things are you believing in before breakfast?

- Isabel



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-ALICE IN WONDERLAND

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## Consent Forms for 2015

You should have been emailed a consent form for 2015. But if not, never fear - it's also on the website. This form needs to be filled out annually for both new and returning girls in your Unit.

## Outward Bound Opportunity

Outward Bound's Connect Youth Worker Course dates are now available to book for 2015, at a discounted price of \$500 (usually \$2600). The course is specially designed for those working in the youth sector. More information, including eligibility, dates, and booking details, is available on Outward Bound's website ([www.outwardbound.co.nz](http://www.outwardbound.co.nz)) by searching 'connect course'.

## Team Vacancy

We have been working with one full member short on our Team for a couple of years now and we really, really need an extra pair of hands (and an extra brain) to enable our Ministry to continue its growth. There are opportunities for all sorts of giftings to be utilized and if you have the time and passion to extend this work we will offer you a portfolio to best suit you. If you're interested, talk to any of the Ministry Team members.

## Facebook

Has your Unit done something awesome lately? Of course it has! Did you manage to snap any pictures of the action? Post them on the iconz4girls Facebook page so we can all celebrate the great things you are doing with your girls. The Facebook page is also a great place to talk with other leaders around the country, seeking advice and sharing your great ideas.



## Girls' Brigade New Zealand Resource Sharing

This is another Facebook page you can join. It is open to both IFG and GB leaders, and is a place to get and share ideas. It's a closed page so you'll have to ask to join. (Let them know you're an IFG leader, and you will be welcomed on board.)



Pictured: Sharing

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where do I get printed material from?

Do you need the next programme book for your group? Need any other printed material? Jennifer is the Ministry Team member you need to talk to. Email her at [supplies@iconz4girlz.org.nz](mailto:supplies@iconz4girlz.org.nz)

### 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.

### A Note on T-Shirts

We have had a few leaders tell us that their leaders t-shirts shrink or loose shape over time.

For a moment I want you to think about t-shirts in general. Usually they are a wardrobe item that you buy at the start of the summer and by the end of the season they are looking a little worn, faded and out of shape. When the next summer comes around we discard them for a nice new season shirt. Your IFG t-shirt is no different. After a while it is going to need to be replaced.

If you are not wanting to have to replace it so frequently our suggestion would be to try the leaders dryfit polo shirt. It may be a little more expensive initially but it should last much longer so it would be cheaper in the long run. I have never known them to shrink or loose shape, and they are lovely to wear. Some of us have similar shirts for Girls' Brigade that still look like new over four years later, despite being worn and washed very regularly.

### Seeit's New Corporate Page

Seeit has made some changes to their Corporate Page, which you'll notice next time you order any badge or uniform items. Your username and password are the same. Seeit are always looking for ways to improve their service, so if you have any feedback - positive or otherwise - please email Brian at [brian@seeit.co.nz](mailto:brian@seeit.co.nz)

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### A Bit of Housekeeping

Soon, each unit will receive a request for information that we need in order to administer the Ministry and keep the Government happy. Some questions may seem intrusive, but a non-financial reporting requirement for Registered Charities, and the new Police Vetting form, are just examples of required compliance. We would greatly appreciate your help by returning the information promptly.

### One Final Thought

Here's to a great year - go out there and be awesome!

