



# ICGB 2026: The Girls' Brigade International Trailblazer Awards

The International Presidents' Committee (IPC) recognises the tireless dedication and selfless service of the thousands of volunteers around the world that make Girls' Brigade happen on a weekly basis. The IPC would like to honour this through the 2026 Trailblazer Awards.

## Awards

Nominations are welcomed for the following awards:

- For Members: Rising Star Award
  - An award recognising a current GB member (under 18) who embodies the spirit of Girls' Brigade – to seek, serve and follow Christ.
- For Young Leaders: Inspiring Leader Award
  - An award recognising a current young GB Leader/Officer (between the age of 18-35) who has inspired others through her Christian leadership within GB.
- For Leaders: Long Service Award
  - An award recognising the long-standing commitment of a GB leader/officer for 25, 30, 40 and 50 years.

Each country will be eligible to submit one nomination in both the “Rising Star” and “Inspiring Leader” categories.

Fellowship winners will be announced on International Women's Day 2026 (8<sup>th</sup> March 2026) with their stories celebrated at ICGB.

Alongside the Trailblazer Awards, as per previous ICGBs, the IPC will run an International Competition (separate guidelines attached) open to members/leaders aged 8-25 years old.



## **Nomination Process**

### *For “Rising Star” and “Inspiring Leader” Award*

1. Each country will be eligible to nominate once within each category. The process for choosing your nominee should be determined internally.
2. Nominees must be registered as a current member/leader within a recognised GB country.
3. Nominees’ age must be appropriate for the category nominated in as of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
4. Nominations, submitted through the attached nomination form, should outline why the member/leader is eligible for the award and be accompanied by three high-quality photographs (JPEG/PNG) showing how they fulfil the ethos of the award. An additional reference from a local chaplain/leader (separate form) is also required.
5. By accepting a nomination, the nominee (or their parent/guardian if under 18 years old) agrees to The Girls’ Brigade International sharing their story and photographs with the wider family, including at ICGB and on social media. Relevant permissions must be sought.
6. Nominations should be emailed to [gbitrailblazers2026@gmail.com](mailto:gbitrailblazers2026@gmail.com) by 11:59pm (GMT) on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Late nominations will not be accepted.

### *For Long Service Awards*

1. All leaders fulfilling the length of service requirement as above will be eligible for a long service award; there is no limitation in numbers per country.
2. Leaders receiving the long service award must be registered as a current leader within a recognised GB country.
3. Only years of leadership will contribute towards length of service; years as a member should not be counted.
4. For those attending ICGB, a list of eligible leaders from within the Fellowship will be collated by the International Vice President (IVP).
5. For those not attending ICGB, a digital certificate will be available for the Fellowship/individual country to distribute as appropriate within their context.

**Questions? Please email [gbitrailblazers2026@gmail.com](mailto:gbitrailblazers2026@gmail.com).**