**ICGB 2026: The Girls’ Brigade International Competition and Trailblazer Awards**

**Introduction**

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.

The following information complements the papers previously circulated on both the Trailblazer Awards and International Competition (which explain the nomination/submission process) to provide more detailed guidance on how submissions will be judged. The below will apply to both the selection of Fellowship winners and an overall winner.

**Rising Star Award**

The “Rising Star” award is to be awarded to a current GB member (under 18) who embodies the spirit of Girls’ Brigade – to seek, serve and follow Christ.

Nominees will be scored on the following criteria, each out of 10:

* What is their participation in The Girls’ Brigade?
* How are they fulfilling the GB motto?
  + How are they seeking?
  + How are they serving?
  + How are they following?
* How do they embody the GB aim?
* How do they interact with others (e.g. demonstrate empathy, encouragement, kindness)?
* How do they grow The Girls’ Brigade?
* What has their faith journey been?

**Inspiring Leader Award**

The “Inspiring Leader” award is to be awarded to a current young GB leader/officer (aged 18-35 years old) who has inspired others through her Christian leadership within GB.

Nominees will be scored on the following criteria, each out of 10:

* What is their participation in The Girls’ Brigade?
* How are they fulfilling the GB motto?
  + How are they seeking?
  + How are they serving?
  + How are they following?
* How do they embody the GB aim?
* How do they lead others?
* How do they grow Brigade?
* What has their faith journey been?

Fellowship winners of the “Inspiring Leader” award will also be asked to provide a short video explaining their GB story to assist with the overall judging process.

**International Competition**

In addition to the Trailblazer awards, as per previous years, an International Competition will be run in the lead up to ICGB. The challenge is to create a digital poster answering the following question:

**What does “Step out in Faith” mean to you?**

Entries will be judged on the following criteria, each out of 10:

* Creativity.
* Technique.
* Incorporation of the overall theme.
* Incorporation of the three subthemes.
  + Bee…Inspiring.
  + Bee…Missional.
  + Be…United/ One in Christ.

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