

History

The Girls' Friendly Society was founded in London in 1875 by an Irishwoman – Mrs Elizabeth Townsend to provide support and skills training for girls who came from the country to work in the city.



It was a society for friendship and recreation in which all girls might share, bound together in a fellowship of Christian love and service. The movement came to Ireland in 1877.

The Girls' Friendly Society is the oldest Church of Ireland organisation for girls and women.

Now 140 years later our Society has broadened its scope and offers an even wider appeal. The motto, purpose and prayer has not changed down the years but one generation after another has found fresh inspiration in it.

Today the Girls Friendly Society is active in eighty branches throughout Ireland, a wide spectrum of interest is covered in the badge syllabus, which includes a study of the natural world, the community and the church, handcrafts and skills, information technology, sports and outdoor pursuits, as well as participating in fund raising to demonstrate our will to help others, both locally and globally.

Core Principal of the GFS

Similar to other youth organisations, GFS is involved with the National Quality Standards Framework which are
Young Person centred
Safety and well being
Developmental and educational

Laghey GFS

We are delighted that after many years Laghey GFS has reopened again .

This organisation plays an important part in the life of our Church and community, offering girls education through fun while we strive to help them to live a Christian life. We meet every Friday night in Laghey Church Hall at 7.30pm.

During this time we have lots of fun !!

The girls along with the help of their leaders enjoy crafts, play games and also take part in a wide variety of other activities while forming lifelong friendships.

We also hope to have movie nights, cookery and even day trips !!

All Girls are most welcome to come and join us from the ages of 3 and up. Why not come along for one evening , we would love to have you join in and you certainly will have a great time.

To find out more about us please contact Caroline Mc Groary on 087 6206342