



Belarusian Link News

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This photo is of the leaders who make up the National Board for the Association of Belarusian Guides (ABG) It was beside a message on their FB page inviting everyone to **THE DAY OF REFLECTION** (which is what they call Thinking Day.) They celebrate in the different areas in Belarus on a weekend day nearest to 22nd February. Minsk Region members met in the Library, in Zhodino, on 24th February, where Anya's group of BIRDS meet.



An Important part of their Thinking Day get-together is when new members make their Promise. The **WORLD FLAG** is an important part of their ceremony.



Red and white are traditional Belarusian colours:

1st March is a holiday, to celebrate the arrival of Spring – although it is still quite cold, and there is snow in some parts right to the middle of April! On 1st March a lucky charm may be worn, made from red and white wool: Instructions for these can be found in **THE BELARUSSIAN CHALLENGE!!**

Their next holiday is on **8th March, WOMEN'S DAY**. In modern Belarus this day is a celebration of love and respect toward women.

In the same month, on 15th March, it is CONSTITUTION DAY, which marks the day in 1994 when Belarus established its new Constitution.

In an article in The Trefoil Magazine about the Chief Guide, Amanda Medlar, she wrote "Another special moment for me was being inspired by the Guides in Belarus, who were committed to carry on guiding despite a very challenging situation".

Information on Belarussian symbols can be found in the Trefoil news;

<https://www.girlguidinghn.org.uk/trefoil-guild/trefoil-guild-news/belarussian-symbols>

Hampshire North is proud to be able to support the continued progress of the Association of Belarussian Guides. THANK YOU ALL.