

Kicking off our activities in June 2019, SI Dublin members participated in the Mini Marathon for the organisation Aware.

Aware supports people affected by stress, depression, bipolar disorder and mood related conditions and undertakes to understand and support them.

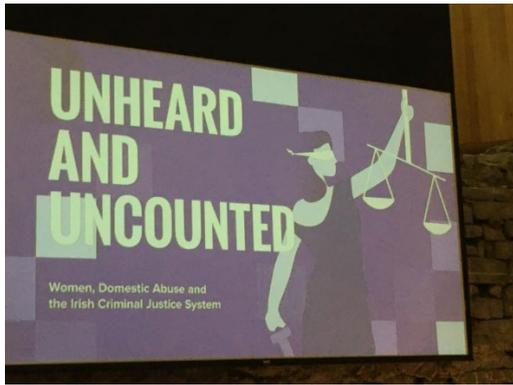
Thanks to the monies raised by SI Dublin members running or walking the Dublin Mini Marathon in June 2019 we were able to present Aware with a cheque for €1105.



In May 2019 we had our President's Afternoon tea in aid of Chora Chori and raised €874 during a very enjoyable and informative afternoon.



In November Catherine, Tina and Birgit attended the Women's Aid report launch "Unheard and Uncounted" report into women, domestic abuse & the Irish legal system. Victims stories are not being heard & shockingly no data collected on the incidents on domestic violence. Women's Aid have identified 20 recommendations following on from their research. Excellent speakers led by Sarah Benson CEO of Women's Aid.



Catherine Tina and Birgit (who is also a volunteer with Ruhama) were able to attend the Ruhama Conference which was an extremely interesting and disturbing look at the world of prostitution and pornography. It was an all-day conference at the RCSI that brought together survivor activists, (inspirational activists from across the world who are working towards the goal of ending commercial sexual exploitation) front-line agencies, and policy-makers to discuss 'The Sexual Violence of Prostitution & Pornography' and how we can work together to combat commercial sexual exploitation. Minister for Justice & Equality Charlie Flanagan delivered the closing remarks at the event.

We "Oranged the World" at one of our meetings and with the girls who participated in the Public Speaking Competition on the 6th December. This was another successful Public Speaking competition held in the Headquarters of HSBC Bank who were very kindly sponsoring the competition again.



At our December meeting we had a "Toilet Twinning" fund-raiser supper and raised €60  
We raised money again for Daisy House in early December 2019 with Carol Singing in St Stephen's Green and later in the month we popped around with gifts for the residents for Christmas.



In March 2020 we held our Curry Night in aid of Chora Chori and raised €390.



This year's VHI Women's Mini Marathon couldn't go ahead, but that didn't stop the Dublin Soroptimist members doing their individual 10kms in aid of Teach Tearmainn Women's Refuge and support services - serving women with or without children who are or have been in an abusive relationship and a magnificent €1500 was raised.

After having held three Zoom monthly meetings we are hoping to get together in early July in Birgit Schmid's garden to have a "socially distanced" Afternoon Tea (for our own mental health support!!)