

Program Action -It's the heart of what we Do

We are preparing to celebrate 100 years of Soroptimist International (SI). Our bright past is illuminating our plans for the future. In the Republic of Ireland (RoI) our 16 clubs work in partnership with our communities to enhance the lives of women and girls. Being a Soroptimist is a way of life. We use our influence in all walks of life to empower women to achieve their full potential. Our voice at the United Nations supports the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)

National Activity

We are continuously advocating for women in partnership with the National Women's Council of Ireland, Safe Ireland, Department of Justice to name a few. We ran major campaigns for Turn off the Red Light and the Blue Blind to protect women from exploitation and trafficking. Each club takes up the campaign in a way that works most effectively in their area. We were delighted when Ireland signed up to the Istanbul Convention. There is still work to be done in this area as Ireland has inadequate women's refuge resources.

Currently we are focusing on climate protection projects. We are working in partnership with:

An Taisce climate action officers

Girl Guides /Scouts,

Primary Schools,

Tidy Town Committees,

Tree Council of Ireland.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

Many clubs have Friendship links with other clubs around the world. Some members have welcomed Soroptimists from other countries into their homes or helped them find accommodation while studying abroad. The reach of the sisterhood is far and wide and always supportive of the greater good.

We are always focused on the achievement of the UN SDG's, working with others and use our Special Consultative Status to deliver our vision and mission, using our Fundamental Principles: <https://sigbi.org/who-we-are/>.

Currently we are working in partnership with Chora Chori to support girls in Nepal who have been trafficked. This is a major project focusing education and skills development for children. Many clubs had social events which contributed significant funds to the project. Having fun while helping others is a core way of working for soroptimists in RoI.



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Hopes and Dreams

Our way of working is to think globally and act locally. We welcome new members who share a positive vision for women and girls achieving our potential. Awareness, Action and Advocacy (3 A's) are key motivators for soroptimists. The friendships that grow through our activities across the world make a difference.