



Soroptimist International  
Republic of Ireland



**PROGRAMME ACTION REPORT FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING,  
SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022, IN CORK**

Dear Members

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are now looking forward to some great events coming up over the next while, including the Music Workshop at the Wexford Opera House on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022, President Miriam's Event in Cork on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, which includes the launch of the Dublin 2023 SI Conference, and our September National Association Meeting. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the SIGBI Conference taking place in Belfast from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022, and of course the Soroptimist International Conference taking place in Dublin from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**National Project**

At the last meeting of the PAC Officers on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 the discussions focused on the start of the new National Project "Wellbeing for All". The Project will run for two years, in the first year the focus will be on the wellbeing of ourselves and our fellow Soroptimist members, and the second year will focus on the wider community, and women and girls on the margins. The suggested launch for the Project is late September/early October 2022, and in the interests of inclusivity, to be held online. Please contact us if you have any suggestions for speakers/topics for this launch.

As part of "Wellbeing for All", we are exploring the possibility of forming an SI RoI Choir, which could possibly sing at future President Éadaoin's Friendship Day in September 2023. In addition, each Club is encouraged to do two things for themselves and in the spirit of friendship. This could include the singing and maybe something more energetic such as cycling or walking groups. Walking is great exercise and good for the mind and spirit. It would be great if members could send in short reports and photographs of their activities to be posted on our website.

**'Orange the World Campaign'**

In our first ever PAC Newsletter, we informed you on the policy developments in Ireland regarding violence against women. In particular, we reported on Ireland's Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV).

In the next few weeks/months, Clubs are preparing for their contribution to raising the UN awareness of violence against women 16 days campaign (25 November – 10 December).

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