



Soroptimist International
Republic of Ireland



PROGRAMME ACTION REPORT FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

SATURDAY 11 February 2023, IN DUBLIN

A) Reporting on events

1) Request by SI for SDG 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17 report relating to SI RoI

In preparation of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in July, SI UN representatives are considering how best to use the reporting of clubs and their activities to the countries participating in the HLPF. A different approach was requested by the SI UN representatives in connecting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to the SI objectives and RoI was asked to provide input looking at the link between the following SDGs and SI Objectives translated into projects:

- SDG 6 - clean water and sanitation: SI's Object of the advancement of health and saving lives
- SDG 7 - affordable and clean energy : SI's Object of the relief and/or prevention of poverty – solar cooking projects.
- SDG 9 - industry, innovation and infrastructure : SI's Object of the advancement of education
- SDG 11 - sustainable cities and communities: SI's Object of good citizenship and community development
- SDG 17 - partnerships for all : SI's Object of human rights, peace, equality and diversity

With the input of the PAC officers, we prepared the attached “Preliminary overview of SI Republic of Ireland activities in the requested SDGs in 2020 – 2022”. What is most noticeable when putting all the data together, is the enormous amount of work being done by our clubs and the difference we make as an organisation. However, the reporting that usually is done may not reflect this.

2) Reporting on SIGBI database

At the time of collecting the data for this overview, the SIGBI website was down due to its upgrade to the Hub, however, the SIGBI database may not have contained many of the projects and activities due to a lack of reporting them. Now that the new Hub is alive online, reporting our activities has been made easier and pictures can be added to make it more interesting. We are planning an online workshop regarding reporting in April and May.

B) National project : Well-being in Focus

Regional workshops are in the process of being rolled out before the summer with the help of facilitators/presenters of organisations such as Mental Health Ireland (www.mentalhealthireland.ie), but also Creative Sound (www.creativesound.ie) and Galway Fairytales (www.galwayfairytales.com).

At local level, clubs are embracing the Five Ways to Well-being, simple actions to maintain or improve health and wellbeing:

- Connect
- Be Active
- Take Notice
- Keep Learning
- Give

At national level, Sue Karran, our Communication Officer, has submitted a poster for the SI Dublin Convention (27-29 July) celebrating our national project. Only 50 posters will be chosen, fingers crossed that this one will be among the lucky ones.

C) International Women's Day 2023

The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March 2023 is, "**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**". This theme is aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (see below),

Clubs are engaged in many activities around this date, including networking and fundraising lunches (including cooperation with other Women Networks), handing flowers to the general public with a message relating to International Women's Day as well as engaging with female refugees from the Ukraine and other countries.

The SIGBI PR and Marketing Committee has produced some graphics which Clubs can use in their social media posts for International Women's Day. All the available graphics are in a Trello Board, and this is being added to so do keep checking back:

<https://trello.com/b/GM1c1WiP/international-womens-day-2023-soroptimists>

Plans are underway for SIGBI's first International Women's Day Webinar, scheduled for **4 March 2023 (13.30-16.00)**. The programme includes several speakers as well as entertainment featuring women from around the world between speakers. This event will appeal to Soroptimists and non-Soroptimists, so let your friends, families and colleagues know to save the date. Details of how to register, together with the full programme, will be available shortly.

D) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67)

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67) will take place from 6 to 17 March 2023 at the UN in New York with as theme: “**Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls**”. Two of the fifteen SIGBI representatives in the SI delegation are from SI RoI: President Eadaoin Lawlor and Sarah Giblin from SI Dublin.

Until 18 March, you can register to participate virtually at NGO CSW Forum, 5-17 March 2023: https://whova.com/portal/registration/ngocs1_202303/

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