



Soroptimist International Bridgend

PROGRAMME
2026 / 2027

THEME **COUNTERING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS**

President
Pam Mahoney

Friendship Link Clubs:

- SI Williamsburg, Virginia, USA
- SI Courtenay, British Columbia, Canada
 - SI Uusikaupunki, Finland
- SI Moreton North Inc., Australia
 - SI Canada West Online



Who are we?

- An international organisation of women, working for women, locally, nationally and internationally
- We make a difference to the lives of women and girls through volunteering and projects
- We are women that enjoy fun and friendship whilst working for others

WHAT do we do?

- We advocate for improvement to the lives of women and girls
- We raise awareness of issues impacting on women and girls
- We take action in support of positive change

HOW do we do it?

- We record all our actions on a database that is used by United Nations to bring about policy change and practical responses to issues

WHY should you join?

- You want to be part of adding social value on a global scale
- You want to be with like-minded women from all walks of life
- You want to pay forward – and make your actions part of the bigger picture

SI Bridgend meets on the second and fourth Wednesday every month at the Heronston Hotel, Ewenny, Bridgend (please check programme). Guests are very welcome to attend meetings and social events, please contact Rayner Rees, Club secretary.

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Find out more at

<http://www.facebook.com/BridgendSoroptimists>



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL **Women serving the global community**

We are women who work on a voluntary basis to educate, empower and enable women and girls.

Our Vision: Women and girls will achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Our Mission: Soroptimists transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

Our projects are linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals - ending poverty, eradicating hunger, providing education and preserving the environment.

Soroptimist International Bridgend, founded in 1947, raises awareness of local, national and international issues and supports local and international charities.

The main focus for 2026/2027 is the schools' project 'Pupil Voices'. This initiative aims to help children and young people counter violence against women and girls. Through a grant they will be encouraged to make the world a safer place by using their own voices in a creative way that they choose.

SI Bridgend will continue to support SPLICE, Llamau, Y Bont and Pipal Tree through service and funding, as well as other charities and causes that seek to make a positive change in the lives of women and girls in line with our vision and mission statement.

To find out more about Soroptimist International, please visit <http://sigbi.org/bridgend-and-district/>

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Donna Brocklehurst and Sue Newton - Group Leaders

May is SIGBI Membership Month

6th May (Wednesday) **6pm**

Executive Meeting, Heronston Hotel

9th May (Saturday) **10am**
Regional Meeting, Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot

13th May (Wednesday) **7pm**

Soroptimists Taking Action

15th May - International Day of the Family

27st May (Wednesday) **7pm**

Supper & Speaker – South Wales Police Welsh Government strategy for dealing with violence against women and girls

5th June - World Environment Day

10th June (Wednesday) **7pm**

Soroptimists Taking Action

24th June (Wednesday) **6.30pm**

Supper & Speaker TBC

27th June (Saturday) **10am**
Regional Meeting, Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot

Fundraising – with Ukelele Group at Tesco
Date and venue to be confirmed

15th July (Wednesday) **7pm**

Soroptimists Taking Action

18th July (Saturday) **TBC**

Club Summer Outing to Nantgarw Pottery

29th July (Wednesday) **6.30pm**

Supper & Speaker - TBC

Sarah Pritchard and Cherry Cadwallader - Group Leaders

2nd September (Wednesday) **6pm**

Executive Meeting, Heronston Hotel

8th September – *International Literacy Day*

9th September (Wednesday) **7pm**

Soroptimists Taking Action

Something you don't know about me! – Eileen Bayley

21st September – *International Day of Peace*

23rd September (Wednesday) **6.30pm**

Supper & Speaker – Catherine Owen, CPS Solicitor

'Myths and Stereotypes'

26th September (Saturday) **10am**

Regional AGM at Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot

October – *Black History Month*

14th October (Wednesday) **7pm**

Soroptimists Taking Action

Something you don't know about me! – Shan Walsh

11th October – *International Day of the Girl Child*

18th October – *Anti-Slavery Day*

28th October (Wednesday) **6.30pm**

Supper & Speaker – Natalie Silcox, independent social worker; 'Breaking the cycle of girls leaving care and entering abusive relationships'

30th/31st Oct - *SIGBI 92nd Federation Conference, Cardiff*

11th November (Wednesday) **7pm**

Soroptimists Taking Action

14th November (Saturday) **10am**

Regional Meeting, Aberavon Beach Hotel, Port Talbot

20th November (Friday) **7pm**

Fundraising Concert at STEAM, Pencoed

25th November – 10th December

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

25th November (Wednesday) **6.30pm**

Supper & Conference feedback; Collection of gifts

10th December - *UN Human Rights Day*

9th December (Wednesday) **6pm**

Carol Concert at St David's Church, Laleston followed by supper at Blandy Hall, Laleston

Julie Phillips and Debbie Hiley - Group Leaders

2027

20th January 2027 **6pm Zoom**

Executive Meeting

27th January (Wednesday) **Zoom**

Soroptimists Taking Action

10th February (Wednesday) **7pm**

Soroptimists Taking Action

13th February (Saturday) **10am**
Regional Meeting *Zoom*

24th February (Wednesday) **6.30pm**

Supper & Speaker from Marie Curie

6th March (Saturday) **1pm**

St David's Day Celebration and lunch
Masonic Hall, Bridgend

8th March - *International Women's Day*

10th March (Wednesday) **7pm**

Soroptimists Taking Action

22nd March – *World Water Day*

24th March (Wednesday) **6.30pm**

Supper & Speaker - TBC

28th March – *Easter Sunday*

14th April (Wednesday) **7pm**

Celebration Evening

28th April (Wednesday) **7pm**

AGM

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