

SI CANTERBURY PROGRAMME ACTION

AGM REPORT APRIL 2017-MARCH 2018

- **Meru Women's Garden Project** (led by Carol Townsend) We took part in the Open Garden Event at Canterbury Cathedral in May and this raised £4,500. We helped to man the stand at the SIGBI conference in Cardiff. 5 club members are going on the Study Trip to Meru in April 2018
- **Domestic Abuse** (led by) Support for the weekly One Stop Café continues.
In August 2017 we started to help on the reception on a rota basis at the One Stop Shop at the request of the Rising Sun.
On 25 November the Gulbenkian held a film festival for us followed by a Q&A session. This was not successful as so few people attended. They also showed a short film before the main performance for all the 16 Days of Activism and collected money for us to support the Women's Refuge. Over the entire 16 Days it is hoped that we were raising awareness. Our work at the Café was nominated for an award and was applauded at the Cardiff Conference by Nisha Gosh, APD Conflict & Violence Resolution. The award went to a very worthwhile project in Nigeria on gender equality.
Christmas Gifts were donated by Crabtree & Evelyn and delivered to the Refuge.
Members attended the Rising Sun AGM and the Domestic Abuse Forum.
Lyn has organised monthly coffee mornings at the Refuge at their request.
- **Canterbury Foodbank** (led by Maureen Keppler) Financial donations are continuing. Members helped with the collections at Canterbury West Station at Christmas and sorting at the warehouse.
- **Encouraging Primary Literacy** (led by Carol Townsend) Primary schools were invited to take part in the Jacque Emery Writing Competition for the Region. Those received by our club were judged and the best put forward to the Region. We attempted a club competition for the schools in our area but there was no interest.
- **Reducing Women's Imprisonment** (led by Nancy Burroughs)
- **Lobbying** (led by) Millie sends us SIGBI lobbying opportunities and Tricia is keeping a record and recording on the SIGBI database.
- **Save the Children** (led by Carol Reed) We cemented our formal partnership with a yoga session and lunch in August and helping at the coffee morning in December. Several members attended the Christmas Carols Lunch.
- **Modern Day Slavery/Trafficking** (led by Jane Webb) We continue to make collections for the Medaille Trust's safe house. We held a Public Awareness event in Canterbury High Street on Anti-Slavery Day 18 October 2017 and work is going on to create a much bigger event in 2018 with guest speakers. We were invited to join the Canterbury Link Group in October.

- **Amnesty International** (lead to be appointed) We continue to support their monthly letter writing campaign. Some members attended an Amnestea party. Members attended the United Nations Service for World Peace in the Cathedral in October.
- **Target Ovarian Cancer** (led by Susan Booth) Yvonne acted as a steward at the sponsored walk in London in October and Vanessa did the walk. £600 raised at IWD Dinner in March 2018.
- **Reducing Older People's Isolation** (lead to be appointed) Val Prosser from “Contact the Elderly” came to talk to us and we offered to help when the Canterbury branch is set up by hosting a launch party.
- Additionally the club raised funds for Macmillan with a tea party at Yvonne’s home in September raising £75.
- Programme Focus forms are the mechanism by which our Programme Action service is reported to SIGBI and becomes the evidence for SI's continuing consultative status at the UN. Our PF forms are the responsibility of each PA team. 27 forms have been completed this year

Date submitted	Number	who	Programme Activity
31/03/18	47312	CR for HB	One Stop Shop
28/02/18	46805	JW	Increasing the number of prosecutions for female genital mutilation
29/01/18	46499		Lobbying our MP to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 5 for Gender Equality
08/01/18	46311	SS	Food Bank at Canterbury West Station
07/01/18	46285	CR	Food Bank donations
07/01/18	46284	CR	Xmas Gifts for the Refuge
07/01/18	46283	CR	Warehouse packing for the Food Bank
19/12/17	46239		Clothing donations for victims of human trafficking (Medaille Trust safe house)
12/12/17	45803	CR	'16 days of Activism against Violence against Women 25 November~10 December
06/12/17	46170	CR	Coffee morning for Save the Children
25/11/17	46092		Write for Rights
20/11/17	46060		Anti-Slavery Day
05/11/17	45974		Target Ovarian Cancer Sponsored Walk
05/11/17	45973		Macmillan Cancer Support & Target Ovarian Cancer Tea Party
12/09/17	45723	PEW	Amnesty International Petition in support of the Rohingya people of Burma
02/08/17	45523		Target Ovarian Cancer
15/07/17	45305	CR	Cathedral Open Gardens for MWGP
21/06/17	45102		International Women's Day Dinner in aid of Meru Women's Garden Project
26/06/17	45100		Pamper Day for Local Dementia Appeal & Meru Women's Garden Project
19/05/17	44878		Refuge Garden maintenance
17/05/17	44822		Meru Tomatoes
15/05/17	44803		Amnesty International Partnership Advocacy
25/04/17	44637		Review sentencing of Teng Gao
20/04/17	44617		Rising Sun One Stop Cafe
06/04/17	44520		Erin Keskin - Amnesty International letter writing campaign
06/04/17	44519		Ratification of the Istanbul Convention - third reading
06/04/17	44518		Istanbul convention - lobbied at second reading