

Regional Programme Action Report January 2025

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a lovely peaceful Christmas. Most importantly, I hope everyone is taking care in this very cold and icy spell of weather. At Heswall Club, we have cancelled our first club meeting of the year, which is very unfortunate, but the pavements and car parks are very slippery.

Since the discussion at the last Regional meeting regarding the future of the Barbara Dixon Award, I have only had a couple of responses. I think the information was late getting out to clubs prior to the Christmas break. If you could discuss with your members at your next meeting and let me know as soon as possible, we can make a final decision at the Regional Day on February 15th. I did provide a brief discussion sheet based on member feedback and also a ballot paper.

I notice that more clubs are posting on the Regional Facebook page, which is really good. There were some excellent posts during the 16 Days of Activism, definitely orange themed!

This is a much shorter report and this is likely to be the format now that UKPAC is disbanded. I recommend that you check the Hub regularly for Programme updates. For example there are 2 Webinars coming up this month.

The first is a Programme Webinar on Education (SDG4) 1-3pm on Saturday 18 January.

The second is about Cervical Cancer Awareness on Saturday 25th January starting at 1.30pm.

SIGBI Conference dates have been confirmed as 31st October-2 November at Birmingham Conference and Events Centre, with more information to follow. This is a much more accessible location for us, so I'm sure there will be a good turnout.

Please remember to try to keep Programme report forms up to date. Also try to attach a photo if possible, it does make the report more personal

Finally, this is my last year as Regional Programme Action Officer. I hope some of you will consider taking up the role. It's been great getting to know people in other clubs and the great projects clubs undertake. There are far fewer meetings now UKPAC is defunct, but there is still a role to help clubs share good practice. Please speak to me even if you are unsure about the commitment.

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