

S. I. Kenilworth & District Programme Action May 2019



What does Soroptimist mean?

- Soror = sister
- Optima = best

So, the best for women – that's what we want!

• 80,000 members in 3,000 clubs around the world

Structure



- Soroptimist International SI NGO at the UN
 - Programme Action = Consultative Status
- Soroptimist International Great Britain & Ireland
 - aka SIGBI Federation
 - UK PAC the PA database
- Soroptimist International Midland Arden Region
 - Development & Support
- Soroptimist International of Kenilworth & District



- The work we do:
- At the UN, lobbying all countries, along with other Non-Government Organisations annually, for two weeks in March, with other Women's Organisations, at
- The Commission on the Status of Women part of the UN Economic & Social Council, looking at Gender Equality & the Empowerment of Women
- CSW63 Theme: Social Protections Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure

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- Soroptimists work to satisfy the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but some in particular....
- 2 Food
- 3 Health
- 4 Education
- 5 Gender Equality
- 6 Water
- 13 Climate Action
- 16 Peace



- Each initiative is listed in 'The Matrix', our Checklist for achieving the SDGs
- Through Service, Fundraising, and Lobbying......
- Awareness, Advocacy, and Action
- Educate, Empower, Enable
- Food, Fun, and Friendship
- People, Partnership, Planet, Prosperity, Peace
- Our work is International, National and Local.

The Matrix – This Year's Model

F = Fundraising S = Service L = Lobbying



Goal	Initiative	How
Gender Equality Economic Empowerment	The Refuge Two Castles Meru/Nepal Mental Health	F S/F F L
Education	Public Speaking	S
Climate Life on Land and Seas Environmental Sustainability	Plastics	L
Food Water Health Food Security & Healthcare	The Refuge Flu Clinics	F S/F
Peace Violence & Conflict Resolution	The Refuge Book Marks	F L

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Local to Global: Soroptimist Feedback Loop

Global information feedback to clubs and members

SI disseminates members worldwide to improve our work and Global Voice)

Local work uncovers the needs of women and girls

Local Action

> Feedback to SI via federations and PFRs

PFRF Feedback

International Change

Through our international advocacy, we learn about best practice, emerging issues, and global trends



SI through their UN reps advocates for those needs and raises awareness

SI & SIGBI Advocacy @ UN



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The Refuge



The Refuge

- Volunteering
- Lobbying
- AOB

