

SI LONDON CHILTERN

New Members Meet Up

24 Aug 2023, 7.30 - 9pm



Helen Byrne, Regional Membership Officer

AIM & AGENDA

AIM: To help you learn more about the Soroptimist International organisation, share ideas on getting involved and begin to make friendships with members in your own & other Clubs

AGENDA:

WHY a Soroptimist?

WHAT is Region & where do you and your Club fit in?

INTRODUCING OURSELVES

WHAT are SI and SIGBI?

WHAT is Programme Action & HOW can you get involved?

DISCUSSION

WHAT's Next?

WELCOME



"I want to make
friends and have fun"



"I want to make life
better for women and
girls"



"We enable girls to reach
their full potential"



"I'm helping women and girls
all over the world"



"I want to contribute to
my local community"



"We are global with UN
status"

Ask Me Why I'm A Soroptimist

Join today www.sigbi.org

Soroptimist Vision & Mission

Vision

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

Mission

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

SIGBI's Aims

To promote either directly or by the encouragement and support of others:

1. the advancement of education;
2. the advancement of health and saving lives;
3. the relief and/or prevention of poverty;
4. the advancement of good citizenship and community development;
5. the advancement of equality and diversity;
6. the advancement of human rights throughout the world; for the benefit of the public and in particular for the benefit of women and girls to advance their status, position and role in society where currently unequal or disadvantaged.

SIGBI's Principles

In order to guide our behaviour and activities we will observe and apply the principles enshrined in the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)** and, in particular, the **Convention to End all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)** and the **Beijing Platform for Action** plus the **Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**.

In order to succeed in these endeavours we will:

1. Treat all with dignity and respect;
2. Be non-sectarian;
3. Not have any party political affiliation;
4. Work with all who share our objectives.

Soroptimist Principles

To strive for:

- The advancement of the status of women.
- High ethical standards.
- Human rights for all.
- Equality.
- Development.
- Peace.
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

OUR REGION

SI LONDON CHILTERN



Kate Belinis, President Elect
New Members August 2023

How many Clubs in the Region?

12 Clubs

- Aylesbury & District - ?
- Bedford - ?
- Greater London - ?
- Hertford & District - ?
- High Wycombe & District - ?
- London Central & SW - ?
- Newbury & District - ?
- Milton Keynes - ?
- Oxford & District - ?
- Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead - ?
- St Albans & District - ?
- Thames Valley - ?



SI LONDON CHILTERNS (SILC)

Purpose of Region

- Promote the Vision & Mission
- Support Best Practice
- Co-ordinate Programme Action Work
- Support Recruitment/Retention Work
- Opportunities for Development/Training
- Fulfil Mediation & Dispute Resolution for members

Regional Exec

The London Chilterns Challengers

- 2022-23 Theme
'The Future is Ours to Challenge'
- Elected at Regional AGM in October
- Change of Insignia at Federation Conference at end of October



Regional Executive

- REGIONAL PRESIDENT - Vacant
- REGIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT- Kate Belinis
- REGIONAL SECRETARY - Rita Beaumont
- REGIONAL PROGRAMME ACTION OFFICER - Pam Robertson
- REGIONAL TREASURER - Denise Powell
- REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER - Jane Slatter
- REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP OFFICER - Helen Byrne
- REGIONAL FEDERATION COUNCILLOR: Jen Simpson

Regional Meetings - open to all!

- 4 x Regional Meetings each year - AGM in Oct, HRD in Dec, IWD in March & another meeting in June
- Meetings are Mini Conferences with speakers and include business/ reports from Officers and Clubs reporting on projects.
- Next meeting - **AGM Sat 7 Oct, 10-1pm** on Zoom
- Each Club has a **Regional Rep** who represents their Club at Regional Meetings, empowered to vote on the Club's behalf. They report back to club on Regional Activities and encourage other Members to attend & get involved.

Regional Communication & Social Media

- **A Regional Newsletter** is edited by Rita Beaumont
- **RED SILC** the **Regional Events Diary** is published monthly. Jane Slatter is Regional Communications Officer & Editor
- **Regional Website**
Soroptimist International London Chilterns
<https://sigbi.org/london-chilterns/>
- **Regional Facebook page**
@silondonchilterns
- **Regional Twitter/X**
@SoroptimistLC



Any Questions?

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Please take a minute to introduce yourself to the group:

- Introduce yourself and your Club
- WHY did you decide to become a Soroptimist
- WHAT do you want to achieve/get involved in as a Soroptimist?

Getting Involved

Like your own Club, your Region, Federation and SI are all run by volunteers and rely on Members to step up & take on roles.

If you would like to help with Regional Activities

or find out more about getting involved

please email: silondonchilterns@hotmail.com