

The following email was received from the Mayor of London's Office:

From: MOPAC Enquiries

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 6:43 PM

Subject: RE: SIGBI London 2023 Conference. 3 - 4 November 2023 - Friends House London

Dear Ann,

Thank you for your attached letter to the Mayor, dated 16 May 2023, inviting him to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Ltd Conference on 3-4 November 2023. I have been asked to respond to you as the Head of Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) at the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC).

At MOPAC we are always pleased to hear from organisations, such as yourself, who share our commitment to advocating for gender equality. Tackling VAWG is a priority for the Mayor and MOPAC, and we take all forms of VAWG seriously. The lives of Bibaa Henry, Nicole Smallman, Sarah Everard, Sabina Nessa and Zara Aleena, and so many other women and girls have been damaged and lost, and this must come to an end. The Mayor has made it clear that the safety of all Londoners is his top priority and as a proud feminist, he believes all women in London should feel safe as they go about their lives.

The work of Soroptimist International is most commendable; I am very grateful for your important services to help women and girls achieve their individual and collective potential. However, I must advise you that, whilst the Mayor very much appreciates your invitation and the great work of Soroptimist International, the Mayor is unfortunately unable to attend due to prior engagements.

I wish you and your team all the best for a successful conference and thanks for the important services that you deliver for women and girls.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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