

Dear Delegates

It is a pleasure to send a message to delegates attending the Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland Conference in London, 3-4 November 2023.

As Soroptimists moving forward in our second century, we are continuing to experience crises that are profoundly altering the character of society and continuing to exact their highest toll on women and girls.

During this last 12 months, Covid-19 and its longer-term impacts have not gone away; the food and energy crisis fuelled by the war in Ukraine continues to impact us all and threatens global security and sustainable development. Climate change, and in particular climate emergencies, still demand a gender lens in alleviating and modifying impact.

But as Soroptimists did during the first century of our organisation, Soroptimists today, respond to these crises with service, campaigns and fundraising. It is wonderful to read about the difference that our Club projects make in improving the lives of women and girls affected by these crises and the influence that together we exert on decision makers. I am really looking forward to meeting many of you at Conference and learning more about your work and how our SIGBI Federation is embracing the "Climate for Change".

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