



CSW Blogs and Video of SIGBI Parallel Session

If you haven't been keeping up to date with the excellent blogs from the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 65, then please do so.

You can also view the videos of the SIGBI parallel event on Combatting Trafficking and Slavery and the SI parallel event on amplifying the voices on ending FGM.

The Agreed Conclusions of CSW 65 are now available. All links are below:

- [CSW65 Blogs](#)
- [SIGBI Parallel Event](#)—Combatting Trafficking and Slavery
- [SI Parallel Event](#)—Amplifying the voices on ending FGM
- [CSW65 Agreed Conclusions](#)

News from SIGBI HQ

Chartering a new Club just got even easier



We are delighted to let you know that the Board has agreed that new Clubs will not be asked to pay any proportional fees to SIGBI in the Club year of their Chartering, even if they charter in April or May. This will give them time to set up their bank accounts and get their finances in order before needing to pay membership fees.

Please note that the £5 per member payable to SI will still need to be paid, as this is out of SIGBI's control.

Full fees will be payable from 1 April following their charter.

This is in addition to, last year, reducing the number of founder members needed for a new Club to be chartered to eight.

This is a great step forward. Could you charter a Club in your Region/National Association or Country? Contact your Region/NA Membership Officer or Organisational Development Officer if you think there is an opportunity.

New Centenary Video—launch Thursday 8 April 2021



Thank you to everyone who sent videos of themselves or other Club members waving. The Centenary video is now finished and will be launched on Thursday 8 April 2021 on social media and the website.

It features an actress reading a poem over images of work done by Soroptimists, and ends with a montage of your videos.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our 100 years. Check our SIGBI News page on 8 April at 12.00 noon, and also look out for our social media posts. Then share as widely as possible. Thank you.

- [SIGBI News](#)

Treasurers' Survey Report 2020

Director of Finance, Ruth Healey, carried out a survey of Club Treasurers in 2020 to assess the cost of being a Soroptimist and the impact on membership. The results are relevant to all members, so please see her full report below:

- [Treasurers' Survey Report 2020](#)

Tree Planting Map—March 2021



The tree planting map has been updated with entries from March 2021. 11,707 trees have so far been reported.

Please share the news.

- [Tree planting map](#)

Weblinks

- [SIGBI President's April 2021 Message](#)
- [SIGBI Programme Director's April 2021 Message](#)
- [Statement on abuse of women of Asian descent](#)
- [UK NGO CSW Alliance Statement on Istanbul Convention](#)



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Events

Soroptimist Celebrating 100 years



House of Lords Reception

Update on the House of Lords event—14 July 2021

Due to the continuing uncertainty as to how many guests will be permitted to attend the reception, members are advised not to make any travel arrangements at this time.

Members will be updated immediately any further information is received from the House of Lords.

UKPAC Study Day—17 April 2021 at 10.00am GMT



A virtual UKPAC Study Day will be held via Zoom on 17 April 2021 starting at 10.00am.

The morning session will cover Human Trafficking and the afternoon session will cover Domestic Abuse.

Registration is free, and there will be six wonderful speakers, with opportunities to ask questions, and a break out session.

All details, including the full programme, are in the leaflet below.

[UKPAC Study Day Leaflet](#)

Soroptimist International Director of Advocacy 2022-2023—applications requested



Global Executive Director, Deborah Thomas is pleased to announce that Soroptimist International is inviting applications for the volunteer role, Soroptimist International Director of Advocacy for the 2022–23 biennium.

The SI Director of Advocacy (SIDA) leads the work of the Global Impact Committee and contributes to the work of the Global Policy Committee, liaising with the appointed team of SI United Nations Representatives. She collaborates with the Global Voice and Global Leadership Committees to promote and develop the advancement of the agenda for Women and Girls, liaising with and further supported by the SI Global Executive Director (SI GED) and SI International Communications Manager.

Applications should be made to [SIGBI HQ](#) by **26 April 2021** and shortlisted candidates will be notified on 10th May 2021. Interviews will be held 24-28 May 2021. All details are in the application pack below:

- [SI Director of Advocacy application pack](#)

SIGBI Trading Ltd

SIGBI Trading Ltd Directors

We are delighted to welcome Rema Ramchandran and Helen Scourfield to the Board of Directors for SIGBI Trading Ltd, and thank you to outgoing Directors Cathy Cottridge and Judith Lewis for their hard work over the past three years.

The full list of current directors is:

Ruth Healey – SI Surrey Hills Rema Ramchandran – SI Bangalore
Jacqui Purnell – SI Leicester Helen Scourfield – SI Haverfordwest



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