SIGBI News Briefing

22 January 2021

This Newsletter is for all SIGBI Club Members and is emailed by SIGBI HQ to Club Secretaries on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month

SIGBI’s Centenary Conference in Llandudno 2021

Due to the uncertainties associated with the Pandemic it has been decided that our Conference this year will, once again, be a virtual one.

We had originally planned, for the first time since 1975, to host this special Conference in the beautiful coastal resort of Llandudno, Wales’s top seaside town. But, we are Soroptimists and we can adapt! We will therefore bring Llandudno to you, so that you can enjoy it from the comfort of your homes. We remain hopeful that a core team of us will be present at Venue Cymru, in their new light and bright studio location on the second floor.

The Conference Committee have been busy planning a Conference ‘with a difference’ to enthuse and excite our members and we hope that much of this can still be delivered from our online Conference Platform. Read more on the Conference website:

- [Llandudno 2021 Conference Website](https://sigbi.org/llandudno2021)

News from SIGBI HQ

Commission on the Status of Women 65

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 65 is scheduled to take place 15-26 March 2021 in New York. For the first time this will be a virtual event.

Please be reminded that if you want to register for CSW 65 (and receive updates) then you need to do so by the Indico website by 22 February 2021. Read Kay Richmond’s letter below, which contains all links.

- [Letter from Director of Programme re CSW 65](https://sigbi.org/llandudno2021)

Important notices from SIGBI HQ

There will be a General Meeting at the virtual conference in Llandudno 2021, and Resolutions are invited. Please see the Call to Resolutions letter below. The deadline for submission of Resolutions is 31 March 2021.

We are also calling for nominations for the Federation Vacancies as detailed in the letter below. The closing date for nominations is 31 March 2021 (except for Councillors, which is 31 May 2021).

- [Call for Resolutions 2021 Letter](https://sigbi.org/llandudno2021)
- [Federation Vacancies 2021 Letter](https://sigbi.org/llandudno2021)

Photo of the Month—December 2020

Congratulations to SI Chester, our December Photo of the Month winners.

SI Chester worked with Chester Women’s Aid to run a campaign used during the 16 Days of Activism to post 16 ‘Lockdown Legends’ - local men who helped support the community through the recent lockdowns.

Invitations Page on SIGBI Website

Three new invitations have been posted on the invitations page of the website, so do check them out.

1. SI Pune Metro East 11th Anniversary — 29 January 2021
2. SI Bangalore – Talk by recipient of the Children’s Climate Prize 2020 — 5th February 2021
3. Audio Drama A Bloody Shambles – runs until 22 February 2021. Tickets cost £4

Full details and how to access each event is on the website:

- [Invitations page of website](https://sigbi.org/llandudno2021)

16 Days of Activism Campaign—social media

The 2020 16 Days of Activism Campaign was mostly confined to social media posts, but we are delighted to report that there were over 800 posts/tweets by SIGBI Clubs, with a total engagement of over 16,000 (how many likes and shares there were).

This represents a huge increase over the 2019 campaign, which may in part be due to the lockdown, but it still shows that people are seeing and responding to our awareness raising.

We hope that in 2021 Clubs can resume their usual activities, but it does show the power of social media at this time.
**Events**

**Reminder—Tree Planting Webinar 23 January 2021—14.30-15.30**

This is the last reminder for the tree planting webinar on **23 January 2021** at 14.30 – 15.30 (GMT). The speaker will be John Tucker (*pictured*), Director of Woodland Creation & Outreach, Woodland Trust. He is a Chartered forester with 30 years forestry and arboriculture experience and will be sharing his passion for all things trees.

- See the flyer for the event
- Link to access the meeting: [https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/359081429](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/359081429) (don’t try to use this before 23 January 2021 just before 14.30).

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**Centenary Envelopes and Stamps**

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**President Johanna:** “They are fantastic. Thank you for your hard work in producing such a splendid celebration idea”

**Jean Harvey, SI Bournemouth:** “The envelopes are excellent; I am very pleased.”

**Dr Jane FB, SI Stourbridge:** “Whether framed to keep, or adhered to strategic postal items to spread awareness of our brand, these stamps are a great commemoration of our proud history and achievements travelling the Road to Equality during our Centenary.”

**Maureen Maguire:** “I have just received my centennial stamps and envelopes and I am very pleased with the quality and print style. A lovely gift for a speaker or a Soroptimist friend.”

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**Weblinks**

- [SI Statement to the Commission on the Status of Women 65](#)
- [Let’s have a Soroptimist Centenary Party](#)
- [International Day of Education - 24 January 2021](#)