**Llandudno 2021 Conference**

Plans for the Llandudno 2021 Conference are taking shape.

**Workshops**

The workshops are being finalised, and we’re pleased to be able to give you details of three confirmed workshops on the Llandudno Conference website.

**Bringing Llandudno to you**

As the SIGBI Conference in Llandudno will be virtual this year we are bringing Llandudno to you. Read all about this wonderful venue on the Conference website, and please keep checking out the conference website for additional information throughout the year.

- [Workshop Information](#)
- [About Llandudno](#)

**Invitations Page on SIGBI Website**

A new invitation for The Big Heart Quiz on 13 February 2021 has been posted on the invitations page of the website.

- [Invitations page of website](#)

**International Women’s Day 2021**

Please note that we are not producing a separate toolkit for International Women’s Day this year. We are producing a Centenary Toolkit to use throughout the year, which we will include in the next News Briefing.

The theme for IWD 2021 is #ChoosetoChallenge. Please see the International Women’s Day website for details:

- [International Women’s Day 2021 website](#)

**Friendship Link News**

Send friendship link news to Bhaswati Biswas sigbifriendshiplink.bhaswati@gmail.com

Twenty-seven Soroptimists from four clubs across three continents came together to celebrate and share their projects. **SI Whitefield** with their friendship links **SI Nairobi Central**, **SI Neath** and **SI Sutton Coldfield** discussed Sustainable Menstruation and its impact on school girls, women and the environment. Other topics included FGM practiced in African countries, improving the health system for women living in poverty in Tondo, Manila and providing nutritious meals for the homeless and the underprivileged.

**SI Bristol** planned to do something special to mark the UN Human Rights Day in their Centenary Year. The club was delighted to welcome Andrew Wallis OBE, CEO of Unseen to talk about Unseen and the Helpline’s work tackling modern day slavery in the Bristol area as well as give an update on the wider problems particularly with the present pandemic.

The host club was joined by their friendship links **SI Chester**, **SI Halifax** and members from **SI Weston-super-Mare**. The Link was shared with another friendship link, also in their 100th year - **SI Oakland**, Founder Region, USA.
Weblinks

- SIGBI President’s Blog February 2021
- SIGBI Programme Director’s Blog February 2021
- International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation
- Why care about women in science?

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New—SIGBI Facemasks

The Facemasks are now in stock and orders received will be despatched over the next week.

The SIGBI Face Mask has an adjustable nose clip which is designed to secure the face mask around your nose and also for anyone who wears glasses. This will help to prevent your glasses steaming up.

**Description:** 3 Layer Adjustable nose clip mask with seams

**Front Fabric:** 100% Polyester woven fabric

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**Accessories:** comfortable elastic strap, Micro rubber buckles to adjust strap length

**Features:** Anti-dust, washable, re-usable, foldable and very comfortable to wear

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Read the official WHO [Dos and Don’ts](#) on the wearing of cloth facemasks.

Or watch this video on the subject.

Centenary Envelopes and Stamps

The Commemorative envelopes and stamps are now being dispatched. They are proving popular with Soroptimists all over the UK and have attracted interest from Stamp and First Day Cover collectors and enthusiasts. Order yours today. They can be used for First Class postage, put in a frame as a memento, or used a raffle or auction prize.

Order from the SIGBI online shop at [www.sigbishop.com](http://www.sigbishop.com/)

**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.”

Centenary Brooch

Formed in the Centennial colour of purple, the stone is set in a silver finish metal, with rows of crystals on either side. Our Soroptimist logo sits proudly in the middle of the piece, inscribed with our commemorative dates ‘1921-2021’ and ‘100 years’.

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