



Fundraising for Aquaboxes at our summer lunch

Members take on a range of roles and responsibilities on behalf of the club from being President, Secretary, Treasurer, organising fund raising activities, campaigns and social events, to attending regional, national and international conferences and events.

Members can choose to get involved in as much or as little as they wish to suit their own commitments.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Soroptimist International is committed to a world where women and girls together **achieve** their individual and collective potential, **realise aspirations** and have an **equal voice** in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

We welcome new members... If you would like more information, details of current membership fees or how to join us please contact us on: 07527 123 972

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Christmas Gift Bags for women using the Joseph Cowen



Soroptimist International
Newcastle upon Tyne

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement of women working together to transform the lives of women and girls. Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities through a global network of members and international partnerships.

The Newcastle Soroptimist International Club usually meets twice a month at City of Newcastle Golf Club to plan and carry out our programme of activities.

Being a member is about enjoying being together, meeting new people and having a common aim of women coming together to support the wellbeing and welfare of women and their children, locally, nationally and internationally.

Each year we agree a programme of action for the club. This currently includes work to support homeless, sexually exploited or trafficked women in the North East. We do this by raising awareness through our activities, fund raising, providing Christmas gifts, donating clothes, shoes and toiletries and in giving our time to help with the Joseph Cowan Health Centre.

We regularly discuss and have speakers on a variety of topics of interest ranging from local projects to campaigns on Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation.

We provide 'New Start bags' containing essential items to support trafficked women in making a safer and more independent life for themselves.

Social activities are also an important part of the club. Our retired members regularly hold coffee mornings and social events. There are also monthly Saturday meet ups for coffee in John Lewis in Newcastle.

Each year we host a Charter lunch to celebrate the anniversary of the club with friends from around the North East, Cumbria and Southern Scotland.

Together we can achieve more.....



Our network of around 80,000 club members in 130 countries works at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls.

We have a friendship link with Glasgow City club. Members also undertake project work at club, region, federation and international level designed and devised to meet a wide range of local needs all over the world.

As part of that our club have committed to support an international project to educate girls in Nepal in partnership with Soroptimist International in Kathmandu.

Our 2015-16 programme included funding Aquaboxes used as emergency relief after the earthquakes in Nepal. Supporting 'Project Choice' at Gateshead College to prepare young people with disabilities for work by providing mock job interviews and forming a partnership with 6 other local Soroptimist Clubs to bring the UN Gift Box to Newcastle Library to raise awareness of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.