

SIGBI Centenary Tree Planting Project

Centenary Tree Planting Map

This interactive map shows the number of trees planted in different parts of the world on behalf of SIGBI clubs. As of 4th March 2021, a total of 11,361 trees had been planted across the world – an impressive achievement.

If you click on the little blue circles with the tree in the middle, it will show you which club is responsible for the planting of the trees, the number of trees planted and the type of tree or trees.

The link for the map is:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1pw7ACWpF6ToPgYICJMc b2i5B-Y8kBAAh&ll=36.52064446549377%2C41.91908580000002&z=3>

Stories of tree planting

The SIGBI Centenary Tree Planting Project is featured in the February edition of Soroptimist News and more stories of tree planting by SIGBI clubs can be found on the website under the following link:

<https://sigbi.org/soroptimistcentenary2021/a-brilliant/planting-trees-for-a-brilliant-future/4773-2/>

The importance of planting Mangroves

Mangroves protect the shorelines, prevent soil erosion, form a rich habitat for biodiversity, bear fruits which are edible as well as medicinal and provide opportunities for livelihoods.

There is an excellent story about the project undertaken by SI Kolkata to plant mangroves in the Sunderbans, West Bengal. Their goal is to raise a wall of mangroves along the delta at the head of the Bay of Bengal, as they are viewed as their protectors which can arrest the rate of climate change in that area, thus preventing low lying areas from being washed into the sea.

Planting Trees for a Brilliant Future

The following link will take you to a wide range of information on the SIGBI website about the Centenary Tree Planting Project:

<https://sigbi.org/soroptimistcentenary2021/a-brilliant/planting-trees-for-a-brilliant-future/>

This link gives lots of information about the project and some useful resources:

If you scroll down to the section entitled 'Plant Trees Information' – there are three circles with information:

Purple circle – Information sheets to view and download - if you click on this it will give you lots of guidance you can view and download and it is regularly updated.

Black circle – Webinar Series – if you click on this it will give you details of the webinars which have taken place and those to be held in the future. I referred to these today and if you were not able to attend the one held last November entitled 'Sustainable living, the way forward for earth's sake', you can still listen to it.

Unfortunately, the webinar in January had to be abandoned due to technical difficulties, but the good news is that John Tucker, Director of Woodland Creation & Outreach, Woodland Trust, has kindly agreed to come back and talk to us on 8th May.

We are also planning a webinar for 11th September when the theme will be mangroves, led by Naina Shah, former Assistant Programme Director – Planet. I am hoping to get someone to talk about the Amazon Rainforest as well.

Brown circle – Resources - clicking on this will take you to resources for your project:

- 1) A certificate which can be downloaded and amended/personalised for your specific project.
- 2) Details of commemorative plaques which can be ordered together with a stake to install at the site of your tree planting. Plaques are available in either a brass or aluminium effect.

Sharing information

Finally, do not forget to share the details of your project by completing a Programme Focus form using the title #PlantTrees and entering it onto the database. Sally Higgins is collating the information from these forms and entering it onto the map and so it is important to complete them.

I hope the above information is helpful but if anything is unclear or you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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