

## A Win for Soroptimists at NAWO Awards

### Soroptimists across the Federation recognised for their work during 16 Days of Activism



We are humbled and delighted to announce that Soroptimists across the UK and Ireland have been awarded the **NAWO 16 Days of Activism Award**, presented at a ceremony held at the House of Lords on 10 December 2025.

Chosen from a strong field of inspiring nominations, this award recognises Soroptimists' 'outstanding contributions to stopping gender-based violence'. It is an honour that reflects the unwavering dedication, creativity, and passion shown by Soroptimist clubs and members across our Federation.



Every year, Soroptimists throughout the world embrace the 16 Days of Activism with energy and conviction, organising awareness-raising events, delivering impactful campaigns, and supporting local and international initiatives to end violence against women and girls. As we showed in our nomination, Soroptimists have volunteered 3,773 hours and raised £21,579 for relevant causes since January 2024, demonstrating the scale of our commitment.



"We are incredibly proud of our members," said President Elect Kate Belinis (*pictured left with Soroptimist Margaret Clarke*), who represented Soroptimist International UK and Ireland, along with other members.

'This award belongs to every club and every member who takes the 16 Days of Activism to heart. Your determination, your ideas, and your commitment to raising awareness and taking action continue to inspire, year after year. Congratulations to all

involved."

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**About Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI):** A registered women's charity founded in 1934 and part of Soroptimist International global organisation formed in 1921. Soroptimism was born out of the service movement and continues to be a mix of advocacy and action on behalf of women and girls worldwide.

The organisation – which has consultancy status at the United Nations – focuses on empowering women and girls to achieve their full potential and works to eliminate barriers and discriminations that hinder women's progress.

The UK charity federation does this through its 248 clubs throughout the UK, Ireland, Malta, Asia and the Caribbean – over 200 of which are in the UK – and currently has a total of 5,150 members.

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