

Clubs are grouped into regions, enabling them to work in larger groups on wider projects which have an impact on the area where they live or more globally.

There are now over 200 clubs across the British Isles; from Easter Ross in the North of Scotland to the islands of Jersey and Guernsey in the south; from Enniskillen, in Northern Ireland, in the west, to Great Yarmouth in the east. Each member works "on the ground" in her own club to accomplish the local and global goals of Soroptimism. They work, often with effective partnerships, to improve the lives of women and girls.

In 1924 the Greater London Club was formed, the first Soroptimist Club in the UK.

CLUB LEVEL



**Women inspiring action,
transforming lives**



It also lobbies on behalf of the UK membership, responding to such bodies as all governments in the UK, the British Council and Parliamentary Committees. SIGBI has Special Consultative status with ECOSOC and sends a delegation each year to the Commission on the Status of Women – UKPAC sends one member. Fast and efficient communication is crucial to the success of projects and the UKPAC forms a link between clubs, our Federation of 26 countries and with our partners.

The UK Programme Action Committee (UKPAC) provides help and guidance to UK clubs in devising, planning and carrying out their project work.



NATIONALLY

Soroptimist International is a world wide organisation of women who come together to promote and advance women's rights and equality.

It is the world's largest women's service organisation with over 90,000 members, in 3,000 clubs in 123 countries — from Argentina to Zimbabwe.

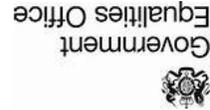
Soroptimists call our project work 'Programme Action' and it is at the heart of what we do to improve the lives of women and girls, whether it is at a local, regional, national or international level.



Here in the UK, Soroptimists work on a variety of projects, including work to prevent trafficking (especially when linked to the sex trade), elder abuse, forced marriages, 'honour' killings, reducing women's imprisonment, FGM, domestic abuse and women's education.

At the moment we are focusing on 3 of these issues, FGM, Trafficking and Reducing Women's Imprisonment.

We continually work to forge partnerships with other Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), believing that *by working together we can make a difference*;



To find out more about our work across the country, visit the UKPAC website:
www.sigbi.org/ukpac

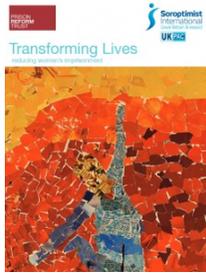
Information on our Federation of 30 countries can be found on its website:

www.sigbi.org
or email:
hq@sigbi.org

or for information about the work of Soroptimists around the world, visit the international website:
soroptimistinternational.org

For information at local level please contact:

So much work already done.....



Project resulting from partnership working with the UKPAC and the Prison Reform Trust to end the unnecessary imprisonment of women in the UK.

Awareness raising on Domestic Violence



"Singing for Memory" group for people with dementia

Providing STEM careers training for schoolgirls



Work for the environment - Sensory garden and bug house



Petition presented to No10 urging our Government to continue to bring pressure to countries where child and forced labour is still prevalent Transparency and traceability in the supply chains to the UK garment and fabric industry remains a key issue.

Our current strategic goal is to ensure that women and girls enjoy equality, live in safe, healthy and equitable environments, have access to education and have leadership and practical skills.

We refer to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

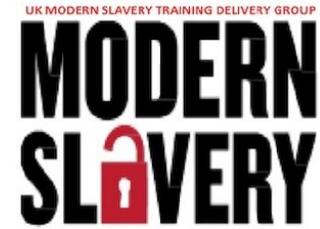


The essence of the Soroptimist model is simple: educate women and girls today to create the leaders of tomorrow.

To achieve this we *educate* women and girls; we *empower* them with the confidence to use their skills; and we work in the wider community to *enable* them to take the opportunities that will result in improved lives for women, girls and communities world wide.

If you are not a Soroptimist, but the work of our organisation appeals to you, why not consider joining us? Membership offers the opportunity to work with like-minded women throughout the world for human rights for all, equality, development and peace.

So much work still being done.....



UKPAC is working with UK Modern Slavery Training Delivery Group, which is part of the Government's strategy to combat trafficking/slavery, the intention is to find out the extent of public knowledge of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. The results will help to inform and direct their work.

modernslaveryhelpline.org

08000 121 700 can be used to report any concerns.



Clubs continue to raise awareness and protest against Violence Against Women



Projects to raise awareness of FGM and to help identify those at risk are ongoing, as is work around forced marriage and honour abuse.