

**Soroptimist International** is the world's largest women's service organisation and through our Consultative Status at the United Nations, we strive for equality, peace and international understanding. We have clubs from Argentina to Zimbabwe. We are 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 and peaceful communities worldwide. The United Kingdom Programme Action Committee (UKPAC) provides help and guidance to Soroptimist Clubs in the UK in devising, planning and carrying out their project work (known as Programme Action), Representatives from all 17 Regions, serve on the Committee.

**The UKPAC** works with Clubs in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. UKPAC was founded in 1993 and the Committee has established a reputation for taking action on a broad range of topics and lobbying successfully the governments within the UK in the pursuit of those objectives.

### **Programme Action is the heart of what we do!**

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

Government Equalities Office [gov.uk/government/organisations/government-equalities-office](http://gov.uk/government/organisations/government-equalities-office)  
[una.org.uk](http://una.org.uk)  
[unwomenuk.org](http://unwomenuk.org)



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.



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## **United Kingdom Programme Action Committee**

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

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

**Women inspiring action,  
transforming lives**



## Programme Action Themes

- Reducing women's imprisonment in the UK
- End Female Genital Mutilation FGM
- End Violence against women and girls
- Stop Modern Day Slavery & Human Trafficking Exploitation



## UKPAC strategic goal

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

The essence of the Soroptimist model is simple: educate women and girls today to create the leaders of tomorrow. To achieve this aim we *educate* women and girls; 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 worldwide.

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. **Contact: sigbi.org**



SI Newcastle & Northumbria Police & @FalconsRugby White Ribbon Day 2018

## It's Action that counts

Linking the 5 P's

People  
Planet  
Prosperity  
Peace  
Partnerships



The international freight forwarder, John Shirley Ltd, has joined forces with anti-slavery charity Unseen, Canterbury Soroptimists and the UN to launch a new campaign May 2019 to raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking in the UK and across Europe. Stickers (pictured below) will be put on 200 lorries, asking people who may have witnessed any incident that looks like human trafficking or slavery to report it.

