

SIWS Club PA Report to Regional Meeting

Club	Club PAO
PORT TALBOT	SUE EVANS
DATE OF SIWS MEETING	14 th May 2016
Date report sent to Regional PAO & Regional Secretary	

Please give a brief report on activities within your club on the following categories (boxes will expand as you key in your report). You will have 5 minutes at the Regional meeting to give a verbal report on ONE item.

Educate

White Ribbon Campaign - Two of our members made white ribbons which we used to promote the work of the white ribbon campaign. Aberavon Rugby Club members & their opponents Ebbw Vale plus supporters all wore white ribbons for their match during the specific UN 25 days of Action in 2013. Onllwyn Male Voice choir also sported their white ribbons at concerts & at dinners for Port Talbot & Swansea Masons.

Again to mark the UN25 Days of Action the film High Tide, which deals with domestic abuse, was shown at the Aberavon Beach Hotel. Unfortunately, the climax failed to show!! what a disappointment. However, I have spoken with several people who were at the viewing & it certainly made them discuss possible endings

Enable

For the past couple of years SI Port Talbot have supported Friends of Monze – a charity which supports Monze a small township in Zambia. We have collected books for both children and for teaching adults thus enabling the local school to continue to work with youngsters in the area. We have also supported them through monetary donations

Empower

Tools for Self Reliance – this is a project that SI Port Talbot has supported for a number of years and last weekend saw a number of members gathering tools in Pontardawe for the first time (we feel we have saturated Port Talbot town centre for now!). At a recent speaker evening Phil Cope from the charity came along to explain how the tools are used to empower local groups in developing countries. The groups apply for particular tools they need to undertake their work in the community. A detailed plan has to be submitted to TFSR and there is a small charge for the tools that are provided. TFSR also monitor the impact of each group to which they have provided tools. ***More information on this project will be given at the meeting.***

Regional Project

Our papier mache toilet has proved very appealing – it has been used at both club events and regional events! We recently raised enough money to twin with a toilet block in Sierra Leone and President Judith has decided that this will be her chosen charity for the forthcoming year.

International President's December Appeal

SI Port Talbot supports the IP December Appeal each year through monetary donation.

Federation Project

Work with Partners and Government

Local Projects

We continue to be proactive in the community and have a stall at the local hospital fete each year (we have been there since its inception over 40 years ago). We also have a stall at the beach festival each year. Both these events are part of our fundraising work. Our Annual Fashion Show is also a sell-out locally with ladies that lunch and in 2015 the proceeds went to Age Concern Afan Nedd.

Like many clubs we support Women's Aid – the Port Talbot branch has not amalgamated with Calan and remains an independent charity. In 2015 we held an Easter Egg hunt for the children and donated hampers at Christmas.

We support the local Foodbank with donations of food and money.

For the second year running we held an International Women's Day Breakfast.

Guest speaker was Karen Jewell, Consultant Midwife at Cardiff & the Vale H/B & she clarified the diversity of her role. Karen chose SANDS as her charity & raffle profits were donated to this charity.