

Soroptimist International Winchester & District

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Education in Cambodia

Through one of our members in the club who has been teaching in Cambodia, we continue to sponsor Raliza for her third year as she approaches 16yrs old.

We correspond with letters from us in English and her teachers help her with the language and understanding. She wants to become a teacher herself.

She also helps with the younger children in her school and also in a Sunday school.



Winchester Womens Refuge / St James

The club supports the Winchester Refuge and the Womens hostel in Southampton.

Throughout the year we support with donations and practical events like the Refuge picnic held in St Swithuns School, chocolates and presents at Christmas for the women and also washing up bowls with household goods for those making a start on their own.



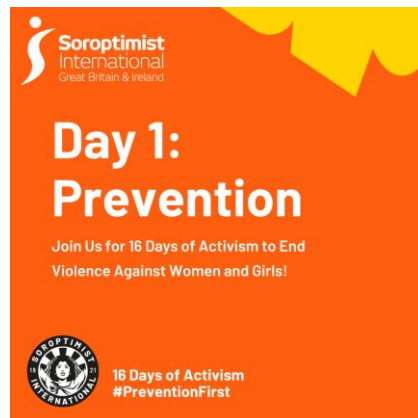
Orange Campaign

The club has been 'orangeing' for three years through Partnerships with the Stop Domestic Abuse agency, SI Solent East, Winchester Council and University, creating awareness of Domestic Violence.

We have used video, press releases, illumination, radio interviews, local dignitaries and social media.

Video [Orange campaign 2023](#)

Radio [Orange Winchester Radio interview](#)



Solar Aid

The club has supported Solar Aid for several years and also the Little Sun project.

The project is to assist those in developing countries such as Malawi and Zambia with providing light safely for children to study, businesses to function and communities to enjoy living during the dark hours when the sun goes down.

Previous lights have been lit through kerosene lamps which is a danger both to health and safety. Solar power is clean and efficient.



Friendship Link SI Kisumu

This is a long standing project culminating in the club visit to us in 2024.

Whilst the school in Kisumu was started by the Winchester club, called the Smiling School, we have donated money to several projects over the years for building works and education.

If we were to ask them there would always be a project to sponsor, however we are aware that they have other clubs in Europe who also support them. Recently we were able to fund an extra classroom.



Winchester Women and girls Rugby

This is a relatively new project but it is in its infancy and gives potential to be more relevant to our criteria.

It is topical in that girls in a previously thought man's sporting world would not have been thought of. We have already given funds to support the U18s team players for their winter coats.

There is also a Ladies team which we have yet to meet with, which would give us potential to support further and explain what we do, ensuring awareness and involvement with other campaigns for women.



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for Women and Girls

Fundraising

Fundraising incorporates many things: here are just a few of our enterprises

Afternoon tea

Car boot sale

Partnership with Restaurant

Market Stall

Hat Fair

Christmas Fair

Quiz



Event coverage

We manage quite well locally with the main Hampshire chronicle but struggle with TV and other magazines. We are hoping to be included in the Winchester resident magazine soon with a free household circulation of 7,500.

Youtube channel
@winchestersoroptimists7950
FB si winchester






Donations

We maintain our annual local donations to the Womens Refuge by way of Tesco vouchers, the Winchester Beacon homeless and Trinity Womens Services. The rugby team is a recent addition.

Internationally we have supported SI Kisumu, Solar Aid and Raliza's education in Cambodia.

We have recently started LendwithCare donations to women fitting SI criteria.



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