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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



President
Joanne Yeoh 2024-2026



10 December is Human Rights Day. We renew our commitment to upholding the universal principles of dignity, equality, and justice, recognizing that gender equality is fundamental to realizing human rights. Education, a powerful enabler of equality, remains out of reach for millions of women and girls worldwide. According to the **2024 UNESCAP report**, limited access to education disproportionately affects women and perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality, particularly in regions where cultural and systemic barriers restrict girls' schooling.

Globally, over 129 million girls are out of school, according to the UN. The gender gap in education fuels disparities in employment opportunities, wages, and political representation. In the Asia-Pacific region, the intersection of poverty, rural living, and discrimination worsens this divide. Without urgent investment in education, we risk entrenching inequality for generations.

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CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

[Federation Fees 2025](#)

All Clubs have been emailed notification of the Federation Fees and the Annual Return Packs for 2025.



All Soroptimists:

A reminder that the due date for Soroptimists to pay their membership fee to their Club is **31 December 2024**.

All

Clubs:

To be eligible for the **Early Payment Discount**. Federation Fees must be received at HQ by no later than **31 January 2025**. Otherwise, the final due date for Clubs to pay fees is **28 February 2025**.

INFORMATION ON MEMBERSHIP FEES



[HQ Office Holiday Closure](#)

The SISEAP HQ Office will be closed for the holiday period from **Monday 23 December 2024 through to Monday 6 January 2025**. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2025.

CSW69

[SISEAP CSW69 Delegate Applications](#)

Now Open

New York, March 2025

SISEAP is pleased to announce that there will be one SISEAP CSW69 Scholarship



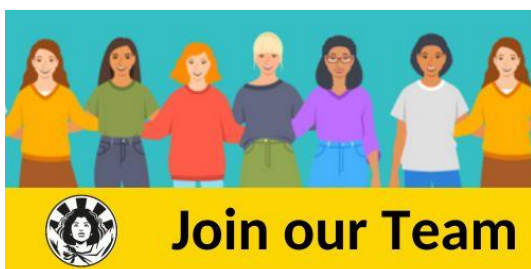
to the value of \$2,000 AUD and 6 Self Funded Delegate positions available.

The SISEAP CSW69 scholarship to the value of \$2,000AUD will assist the successful applicant with her travel and accommodation costs. Accommodation will be in a shared apartment. There will be up to 6 self funded delegate positions available. Review the Guidelines and complete the application form below.

[CSW69 GUIDELINES](#)

[APPLICATION FORM](#)

Positions Available



[Programme Zone Coordinator 4](#)

Expressions of Interest are called for from eligible members to take on the role of Programme Zone Coordinator 4, this is a 2 year term of office (2024 to 2026). Successful applicant will be able to take up the position for the remainder of this biennium.

The role involves supporting up to 35 clubs across the Federation with reporting on their actions. There is opportunity for progression, and participating regularly in some exciting events with the full Programme Team. Please complete the Federation Programme Convenors CV Template, please send your completed application to Federation Secretary Berice at federationsecretary@siseap.org and HQ at hq@siseap.org.

[CV TEMPLATE](#)

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Shop

End of Year Orders

Orders with Name Badges – Order and payment must be received by **12pm Wed 4 December**

Orders without Name Badges – Order and payment must be received by **5pm Tues 10 December**



16 Days of Activism Ribbon

We want to remind you that our 16 Days of Activism Ribbons are available for purchase! By wearing one of these ribbons, you can show your support for this crucial cause and help raise awareness about the need to end gender-based violence. Don't miss your chance to make a difference—get yours today and join us in taking a stand during this important campaign!

New Name Badge Design

We are thrilled to announce a fresh update to our SISEAP name badges. The new design incorporates the new SI emblem, includes our Federation name and is consistent with our SISEAP branding colours.

The new design is available now.



New

Member

Badges

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Coming

Soon

We're excited to announce that a new design for our member badges is currently in progress, featuring the new SI emblem. In the meantime, we are offering our existing badges with the old emblem at discounted prices. This is a great opportunity to grab your badge at a fantastic price while we transition to the new design. Stay tuned for updates on the launch of our fresh look!

[SHOP ORDER FORMS & CATALOGUE](#)



NEW MEMBER REGISTRATIONS
Link for Clubs to Register NEW MEMBERS

PROGRAMME NEWS

[Projects & Appeals - Donate Now](#)



[Round 7 of Funding Now Open!](#)

We are excited to announce that Round 7 of funding from the Brilliant Futures Fund is now open for Clubs to nominate a project for consideration. Applications are now open and will close on the **30 December 2024**. Winners will be announced on 1st February 2025.

[READ DETAILS ON HOW TO APPLY](#)

Want to increase your impact for more women and girls?

Supporting the **Brilliant Futures Fund** Appeal is the way to do it. The more we can grow the **Brilliant Futures Fund**, the more projects we can fund for clubs across our federation. Growing our project work is how we are going to impact the lives of more women and girls – life changing activities, on the ground. Don't delay, add your support today and help us scale up our efforts to provide 'pathways to future possibilities'.



[READ ABOUT OUR BFF FUNDED PROJECTS SO FAR](#)



Click on the images to Find Out More & Donate

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



*Merry
Christmas*



I wish all our members in SISEAP a hari Kirihimete, Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a safe and relaxed holiday!

I look forward to working with all clubs in 2025

Kristeen Johnston



SISEAP 2024-2026 Membership

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Charter Anniversary



[SI Wellington's 85th Charter Anniversary](#)

On Sunday the 17th of November, twenty-two fabulous women joined us to celebrate 85 years of Soroptimist service in Wellington, New Zealand. Enjoying the occasion were many current and past members and friends. The chat and laughter flowed, with women enjoying a catch-up and sharing stories.

It was a very relaxed affair, with past member booklets and photos eagerly passed around. We had lovely messages to read, with congratulation to us on our wonderful 85-year milestone.

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