



## SOROPTIMIST BEST PRACTICE AWARDS 2014

It is once again time for the **Soroptimist Best Practice Awards** – a time to celebrate your great work and dedication to improving the lives of women and children! This is the occasion to share your very best projects with Soroptimists and other people all over the world.

### **AWARD CATEGORIES**

We will be giving out **11 awards**: one “**Project of the Year**” Award and two Awards for each of the following Programme Objectives:

1. Education
2. Economic Empowerment
3. Violence Against Women and Children
4. Health
5. Sustainable Development & Environment

### **CELEBRATING YOUR AWARDS**

The 11 winners will be announced at the **Governors’ Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark**, in July 2014. All winners will receive a **special surprise!**

The 11 best projects will be featured in the **Soroptimist Best Practices Brochure 2014** and will receive recognition on the **SIE website**, in the **Programme News**, and in **The Link**.

### **SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

Each Union/Club is eligible to **submit 2 projects for each of the 5 Programme Objectives**. The projects should have **happened** between **October 2012** and **September 2013**.

If you are not sure which Programme Objective your project falls under, please consult the attached **Annex**.

Please use the **ENTRY FORM** on the next page to submit your project.

Your completed **ENTRY FORM** with the email subject “**Best Practice Awards 2014**” should be sent to [programme@soroptimisteurope.org](mailto:programme@soroptimisteurope.org) on or before **February 28, 2014**.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

From the projects submitted, the **Programme and Advocacy Team** will shortlist nominees and contact them for a **follow-up interview** about their project. The 11 best projects will be chosen from this shortlist.

### **LANGUAGES**

Entry forms should be submitted in **English or French**. **Exceptionally**, entry forms can be sent in the following languages if members really have trouble submitting in either English or French: **German, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovenian, Spanish, or Turkish** (languages that are understood by the Programme and Advocacy Team).

**Thank you! We look forward to hearing from many of you!**



## ENTRY FORM

BEST PRACTICES 2014

- 1 - **Club:** Soroptimist International of
- 2 - **Union:**
- 3 - **Contact name:**
- 4 - **Email:**
- 5 - **Project title:**
- 6 - **Programme Objective:**
- 7 - **Other Soroptimist Clubs/Unions** in the project:
- 8 - **Outside organisations** in the project:
- 9 - **Start date:**
- 10 - **Project location:**
- 11 - **Funds raised** for project (in EUR):
- 12 - **Number of women/girls** this project reached/will reach:
- 13 - Please **use the box below** to describe your project in **350 words or less**. Make sure to tell us:

*What was your project about?*  
*What social problem did your project try to tackle?*  
*What were the main results of your project?*  
*What were the main activities in this project?*

- 14 - Please make sure to send us a **few photos** from your project! The photos should be sent as an email attachment.

Please email your completed Entry Form to [programme@soroptimisteurope.org](mailto:programme@soroptimisteurope.org)



**ANNEX**  
**SOME EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS BY PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE**

*In case you are not sure which one of the 5 Programme Objectives your project falls under, here are a few examples of projects that illustrate each Programme Objective*

**1. Education**

- Our Club helped renovate/improve a school
- Our Club helped provide school supplies
- Our Club provided scholarships
- Our Club lobbied or helped lobby the local/national government on gender-sensitive teaching materials

**2. Economic Empowerment**

- Our Club supported the development of female-run small businesses by providing small financial (microcredit) loans
- Our Club supported the development of female-run small businesses by providing training on business skills
- Our Club supported working women or women in search of employment with their daily household or child-rearing tasks
- Our Club lobbied or helped lobby the local/national government on equal opportunities for women in the labour market

**3. Violence against Women and Children**

- Our Club helped build a shelter/safe house for women and children who have been victims of violence
- Our Club provided training for professionals (school staff, law enforcement officers, medical staff, etc.) working to support women and children who have been victims of violence
- Our Club lobbied or helped lobby the local/national government on criminalizing violence against women and children
- Our Club lobbied or helped lobby the private sector on the elimination of workplace harassment

**4. Health**

- Our Club provided materials to a hospital or clinic
- Our Club provided information on family planning and facilitated access to contraception
- Our Club provided testing and access to screening for cancer, HIV/AIDS, etc.
- Our Club ran or supported an awareness campaign to sensitize the public about HIV/AIDS and the use of drugs

**5. Sustainable Development & Environment**

- Our Club helped improve water/sanitation infrastructure
- Our Club helped plant trees and plan for green areas
- Our Club ran or supported an awareness campaign on environmentally sustainable practices or against non-sustainable living

