



SOROPTIMIST BEST PRACTICE AWARDS 2015

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

Just like last year, 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. Elimination of Violence Against of Women and Children
4. Health
5. Sustainable Environment

CELEBRATING YOUR AWARDS

The 11 winners will be announced at the **Governors’ Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal**, in May 2015. All winners will receive a **special surprise!**

The 11 best projects will be featured in the **Soroptimist Best Practices Brochure 2015** and will receive recognition on the **SIE website**, in the **Programme News**, and in **The Link**. Moreover, a project will be selected as the best project of the last two years and will be presented by President Ulla at the **Soroptimist International Convention in Istanbul** in July next year!

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Each Union/Club is eligible to **submit 2 projects**. Each project that is submitted should **correspond to one of the five abovementioned Programme Objectives**. If you are not sure which Programme Objective your project falls under, please consult the attached **Annex**.

The projects should have **happened** between **October 2013** and **September 2014**.

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

Your completed **ENTRY FORM** with the email subject “**Best Practice Awards 2015**” should be sent to programme@soroptimisteurope.org on or before **February 28, 2015**.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

All submitted projects will be reviewed and evaluated according to a set of **predetermined criteria** by the **Best Practice Awards Jury**.

LANGUAGES

Entry forms should be submitted in **English or French**.

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



ENTRY FORM

Please type inside the coloured fields.

1 - **Club:**

2 - **Union:**

3 - **Contact person name:**

4 - **Email:**

5 - **Project title:**

6 - **Programme Objective:**

7 - **Other Soroptimist Clubs/Unions** in the project:

8 - **Outside organisations** in the project:

9 - **Project 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



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. Elimination of 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 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

