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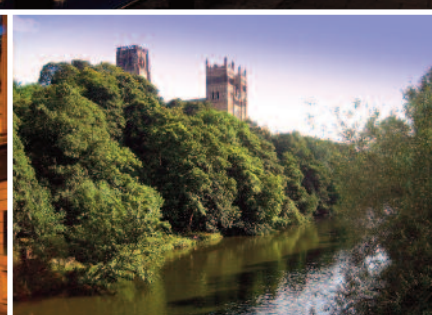
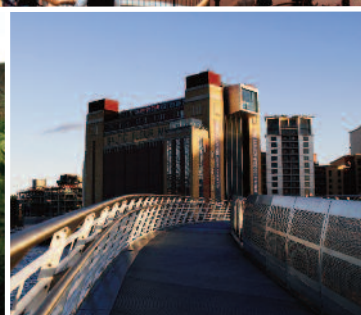
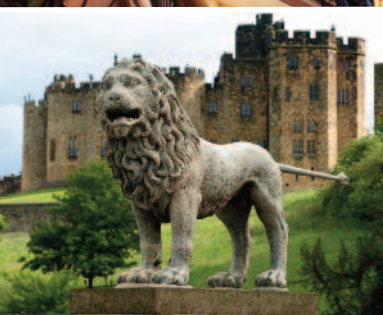


Meet old friends,  
Make new friends,  
Enjoy a stimulating  
Conference



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## **I extend my invitation to you all to the NewcastleGateshead 79th Federation Conference at the Sage.**

Our theme 'From Vision to Action – Soroptimists Educating to Lead' offers a realistic challenge to every member to become actively involved in the long term aim of our organisation and help to shape the lives and futures of women and girls throughout the world.

We expect encouragement, inspiration and time for reflection at our Conferences and our 79th will offer all those and more.

And what would Conference be without the important ingredients of fun and friendship? I assure you they will be self evident.

For Thursday evening's Opening Ceremony the Flags of our countries will be carried into the Auditorium by guiders. The welcomes and the music you will hear will reflect the spirit of the Northern Region and our joy that you have chosen to join us.

On Friday we aim to stage an outdoor event of special interest, hear from a keynote speaker relevant to our theme, Lady Marie Stubbs, and welcome our International President Ann Garvie.

The afternoon session will be devoted to our Annual meeting.

On Saturday the Programme Team, both Federation and International will illustrate how our awareness, advocacy and action are bringing rhetoric to reality and the key note speaker will be the renowned QC Baroness Helena Kennedy, defender of human rights.

Saturday evening of course means the Change of Insignia. There'll be music from the young women of the Arco String Quartet whose fresh flexible approach and diverse range from popular to classical will bring the wonderful acoustics of the Sage to life and they will be followed by Amanda Baker bringing her own brand of spoken word comedy featuring an array of characters.

Whether by plane, rail or road make sure you make your way to Newcastle Gateshead Quays for the 79th Conference.

**Pat Black, Federation President 2012/2013**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2013**

**We're back at the SAGE in NEWCASTLE/GATESHEAD the venue for our 79th Federation Conference with the theme**

**'FROM VISION TO ACTION - SOROPTIMISTS EDUCATING TO LEAD'**

As Conference Chair on behalf of the Conference Committee I welcome you to this vibrant and dynamic Region of Northern England.

We are pulling out all the stops to bring you a Conference with a real Geordie welcome together with all the flavours of the North East and the North West.

Newcastle and Gateshead have much to offer from the renowned art galleries of The Laing and The Baltic to the unrivalled shopping of Eldon Square and the Metro Centre, the Centre for Life and the Discovery Museum, more theatres per person than anywhere in the UK and more restaurants on the Quaysides than you can possibly visit.

Or why not come early and sample other delights of the Region - the City of Durham, the rugged beauty of Northumberland and the charm of the Lake District.



The wide selection of hotels on both sides of the Quays offers a range of prices to suit all pockets and tastes from the luxurious to the modest.

But best of all come for the joy of Conference. We are planning to bring you an event and renowned speakers to surprise and stimulate you; a celebration of our Programme Action achievements and the opportunity to hear from the International President, our very own Ann Garvie.

Bring your partners and other family members **especially your daughters!** Give them all the opportunity to see what a great organisation Soroptimist International is and how it can transform their lives and those of other women and girls.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Margaret Alderson  
Conference Chair 2013**

**Women inspiring action,  
transforming lives**