



Women Make Peace Possible

We tend to picture peace as a ceasefire, a signed treaty, the moment the fighting stops. But that's only ever the beginning. Real, lasting peace is built afterwards, in the slow work of dialogue, cooperation, and mutual respect that has to happen every single day, in every community, long after the headlines move on. This year, on the UN International Day of Peace, we're looking at what that daily practice actually looks like and why it depends on women's voices being at the table, not just in the room.

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FOR INSPIRATION



S.O.S. – Support Our Sisters: No Peace Without Women

Soroptimists in Netherlands united on the International Day of Peace with one clear message: there is no peace without women. Through local gatherings, powerful stories and advocacy, the S.O.S. campaign highlighted how conflict disproportionately harms women and girls. It calls on governments and the EU to fully implement UN Resolution 1325 and ensure women help shape peace decisions. Discover how this growing movement is turning awareness into lasting action.

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FOR ACTION

Upcoming deadlines in 2026

For Union and Single Club Board members

2 September - Single Club Presidents Meeting
Online with Extension Committee Chair Judica van Riessen, from 19:00 CEST. The meeting link is sent by SIEHQ via email.

3 September - eClubs Meeting
Online with Extension Committee member Kirki Papadema, from 19:00 CEST. The meeting link is sent by SIEHQ via email.

9 September - Round table - Programme teams
Programme teams gather to exchange experiences and discuss priorities for the coming months. Topics include upcoming projects, READ THE SIGNS 2026, and good practices from Unions & Single Clubs, from 18:00 CEST. The meeting link is sent by SIEHQ via email.

15 September - From Idea to Realisation: Our Journey in Building a Mentoring Programme

In 2025, SI Switzerland began setting up a mentoring programme with the vision 'We are all mentors without realising it.' In this webinar, you will discover what shaped our approach and how we implemented it step by step, and, of course, how the programme is running in Switzerland today, from 19:00 CEST. The meeting link is sent by SIEHQ via email.

16 September - Strategy Implementation Review
This meeting is an opportunity to take a closer look at how the SIE Strategy 2026–2031 is taking shape across the Federation. By sharing experiences, progress and challenges, we can build a clearer picture of where we stand and what is needed next. The meeting link is sent by SIEHQ via email.

23 September - Roundtable Discussions
President Sabine Reimann and her Board meet online with Governors and Union Presidents for an informal exchange of information, experiences and perspectives, fostering closer

cooperation and a shared understanding across the Federation, from 19:00 CEST. The meeting link is sent by SIEHQ via email.

24 September Extension Meeting

Online with Extension Committee member Emma Brown, from 19:00 CEST. The meeting link is sent by SIEHQ via email.

GM 2026 Final Agenda Governors receive the GM 2026 Final Agenda.

25 September Governors' Meeting 2026 Registration Closes

Be sure to register [HERE](#) before the deadline to attend the GM 2026 in Riga (Latvia).

Can I lead from where I am? - First Lunch Time Empowerment Journey session

We're launching our new Lunch Time Empowerment Journey series with "Leadership without a title: how to build influence and impact", a session about discovering that leadership starts with influence and initiative, not job titles, from 12:00 CEST. Register [HERE](#).

29 September - Level Up your Social Media

This webinar is designed for Soroptimists who want to become more active and confident online. Discover how social media can help us make the work, values and impact of SIE more visible. Learn how to identify and share topics that matter to us and how to communicate them in an engaging and authentic way. Get practical tips, simple strategies and fresh inspiration to help you create meaningful content and strengthen the Soroptimist voice on social media. With Rochsane Mentes (SI Germany), from 12:30 CEST. Register [HERE](#).

7 October - Single Club Presidents Meeting

Online with Extension Committee Chair Judica van Riessen, from 19:00 CEST. The meeting link is sent by SIEHQ via email.

24-25 October - Governors Meeting 2026, Riga (Latvia)

28 October - Roundtable Discussions

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FOR EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE

**Elevate Your Expertise:
Unleash Continuous Learning and Fortify Skills!**

21 September

International Day of Peace

Join us to mark International Day of Peace! The campaign guidelines are available on the **SIE member area** (Downloads > Programme & Advocacy > Advocacy - Campaign SIE Federation initiated). Members can also contact their Union / Single Club President, Advocacy Coordinator or Programme team for more information.

SIE Peace Talks #3 with Dr Edit Schlaffer

Join our **SIE Peace Talk Series** with Dr Edit Schlaffer, sociologist and founder of Women without Borders (WwB). A pioneer in inclusive security, she champions women as powerful agents of prevention and peacebuilding. Through her groundbreaking MotherSchools model, she empowers mothers in communities affected by radicalisation to build resilience, strengthen leadership and help prevent violent extremism, from 19:00 CEST. Register [HERE](#).

28 September - When the System Fails to Protect Women and Children

Join a conversation with author Josefin Johansson, whose mother was killed by her father. Drawing on her personal experience, she will discuss prevention, the role of police and public authorities, and the need to recognise domestic violence as a societal issue rather than a private matter. Josefin will also reflect on the impact violence has on children and families, and why changing attitudes, asking questions, and acting on warning signs can make a difference, from 18:00 CEST. Register [HERE](#).

30 September - AI Meet-Up #2 - The AI Trust Gap: Women, Democracy and Civic Participation

Join us for the next AI Meet-Up with Rachel George of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, exploring how AI is reshaping democracy, trust and civic participation, and why the

gender trust gap matters. Together, we'll discuss how civil society, and organisation like Soroptimist International of Europe, can help shape trustworthy AI governance and strengthen democratic resilience, from 18:00 CEST. Register [HERE](#).

11 October - International Day of the Girl Child
Stay tuned to SIE's social media on 11 October for more details, and don't forget to share widely!

27 October - SIE Peace Talks #4 with Sylvia Borren
Join the **SIE Peace Talk Series** with Sylvia Borren, Dutch civil-society leader and women's rights advocate. Drawing on decades of experience in human rights, gender equality, development and peace, she champions women's meaningful participation in peace processes. Her work highlights the vital role of women's leadership and civil society in building just and sustainable peace, from 19:00 CET. Register [HERE](#).

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