Better World Showcase 2018

Demonstrating how the Faculty of Science & Engineering is Making a Difference

Engineering the Future

Initiative

From November 2015 to November 2016, Margaret was President of Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI), a women's service organisation with consultative status at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN) and a mission to transform the lives of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities. SIGBI has members in 28 countries. Margaret chose Engineering the Future as her theme for the year to promote STEM for girls and to encourage Clubs to run STEM events. She was able to speak about this at many events, including the celebration of International Women's Day at Manchester Museum, at the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, numerous Soroptimist events, many where girls were able to participate in STEM based workshops or enter a competition to design a sustainable product with the potential to help people in the poorest parts of the world, at the Soroptimist International of the Americas Convention in Florida and to a group of girls at a school in Cameroon. The culmination was a conference in Malta based on this theme, attended by over 1000 people and with keynote speakers such as Dame Sue Ion and Helen Sharman.

How Margaret has Made a Difference

Margaret has tried to inspire girls, and encourage others to inspire girls, about the exciting careers STEM offers and to promote the ethos of “STEM jobs for the girls” – the title of a fabulous day she recently attended along with over 200 girls. An article in the May 2016 Soroptimist News said “Role Model, Margaret Emsley, will be attending with many other inspirational speakers” and another article in the same edition said “It was the first event of its kind organised by SI Crosby and grew from a challenge issued by Margaret Emsley to encourage girls to consider STEM careers”.

https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/soroptimists-in-malta/

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