Programme

09:00 - 11.00 Silvia Bener, Ebru Workshop

11.15 – 12.00 Constitutive Assembly
(SIE President, Union President, Godmother and NextGen Club and Members)

12.15 – 13.45 Charter Master Ceremony

14:30 - 15.30 Prof. Dr. Levent Kurnaz, Climate & Environment Museum Visit

19:30 - 22.00 Dinner

Price: Workshop (€50) and Dinner (€75)

Please RSVP for Workshop, Dinner, and Day-2 Social Activity by 31 July 2023 through e-form or nextgensoroptimists@gmail.com
Hello everyone,

It’s almost over a year now since we came together to launch of NextGen Soroptimist Club as a focused, innovative and diverse e-club, determined to transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities, and work to create an equal world – now more than ever.

We are excited to share that our Charter Ceremony will take place in Istanbul, September 16 2023. We would like to take this opportunity to create a day to inspire action and awareness to drive a shift towards greater environmental sustainability. So please join us to celebrate this important milestone together, whilst learning more from each other.

We are deeply proud to walk alongside you as NextGen Soroptimists.

NextGen Soroptimists Club
# Next Generation Soroptimist Club Charter celebration agenda

**Day-1: September 16, 2023**

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<td>08.30</td>
<td>09.00</td>
<td>30 min.</td>
<td>Transfer from the hotel to the venue and brief welcome from the NextGen President</td>
<td>2 members from NextGen and Marmara to pick up the guests from the hotel(s). No transferred needed for the Option.3 as it is only 11 min. walk to the main venue.</td>
<td>Wyndham Hotel Kalamis and/or DoubleTree by Hilton Moda</td>
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<td>09.00</td>
<td>11.00</td>
<td>2 hrs.</td>
<td>‘Ebru: traditional Turkish paper marbling’, Learn from Silvia Bener and get your own Ebru painting for fund raising</td>
<td>F2F subject to Attendees preferences (50 people required to perform the workshops)</td>
<td>Muze Gazhane: Main meeting room</td>
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<td>11.00</td>
<td>11.15</td>
<td>15 min.</td>
<td>Coffee Break/ Snacks</td>
<td>F2F</td>
<td>Muze Gazhane</td>
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<td>11.15</td>
<td>12.00</td>
<td>45 min.</td>
<td>Constitutive Assembly (Marmara Club e-club representatives will prepare the main meeting room for the Charter)</td>
<td>SIE President, Turkish Union President, Godmother, NextGen President and members (F2F+Hybrid)</td>
<td>Muze Gazhane: Small meeting room</td>
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<td>12.00</td>
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<td>15 min.</td>
<td>Break</td>
<td>F2F + Hybrid</td>
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<td>12.15</td>
<td>13.45</td>
<td>1.5 hours</td>
<td>Charter Master Ceremony</td>
<td>F2F + Hybrid attendees from NextGen Soroptimist Club</td>
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<td>Coffee Break &amp; Snacks</td>
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<td>14.30</td>
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<td>1 hrs.</td>
<td>Visit Climate &amp; Environment Museum with Prof. Dr. Levent Kurnaz</td>
<td>F2F attendees &amp; Prof. Dr. Levent Kurnaz</td>
<td>Muze Gazhane</td>
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<td>Facilitator: Damla Arisan</td>
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<td>15.30</td>
<td>16.00</td>
<td>30 min.</td>
<td>Transfer to the hotel from Muze Gazhane</td>
<td>F2F</td>
<td>Muze Gazhane</td>
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<td>16.00</td>
<td>19.00</td>
<td>3 hrs.</td>
<td>Scheduled Free Time for all guests</td>
<td>F2F</td>
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<td>19.00</td>
<td>19.30</td>
<td>30 min.</td>
<td>Transfer for dinner from the hotel</td>
<td>2 members from NextGen and Marmara to pick up the guests from the hotel(s)</td>
<td>Wyndham Hotel Kalamis and/or DoubleTree by Hilton Moda</td>
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<td>19.30</td>
<td>22.00</td>
<td>2.5 hrs.</td>
<td>Dinner &amp; Closing remarks/ comments from all guests</td>
<td>F2F</td>
<td>39 Kalamış Marina Hotel &amp; Restaurant</td>
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<td>22.00</td>
<td>22.30</td>
<td>30 min.</td>
<td>Transfer from dinner to the hotel(s)</td>
<td>2 members from NextGen and Marmara to accompany the guests</td>
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**Day-1: September 16, 2023 (Charter Flow)**

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<td>12.15</td>
<td>12.25</td>
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<td>NextGen President welcome and opening</td>
<td>F2F + Hybrid attendees from NextGen Soroptimist Club</td>
<td>Muze Gazhane: Main meeting room</td>
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| 12.25  | 12.40  | 15 min. | The Candle Master ceremony
NextGen President invite SIE President for the ceremony                   | F2F + Hybrid 
Presenter: Damla Arisan                                                   | Muze Gazhane: Main meeting room |
| 12.40  | 12.55  | 15 min. | SIE President shares her best wishes and support to the new Soroptimists club and presents charter to the new club | F2F + Hybrid 
Presenter: Carolien Demey                                                  | Muze Gazhane: Main meeting room |
| 12.55  | 13.20  | 25 min. | NextGen GodMother: Introduction of NextGen Club members and being proud of NextGen | F2F + Hybrid 
Presenter: Esra Caglar                                                      | Muze Gazhane: Main meeting room |
| 13.20  | 13.35  | 15 min. | Turkish Union President shares her reflections about the new Soroptimist club | F2F + Hybrid 
Presenter: Sevil Koca                                                       | Muze Gazhane: Main meeting room |
| 13.35  | 13.45  | 10 min. | Closing / Guests remarks                                                   | F2F + Hybrid 
Presenter: Damla Arisan                                                      | Muze Gazhane: Main meeting room |
Next Generation Soroptimist Club Charter celebration objectives and agenda

Day-2: September 17, 2023 (Optional)

Social Activity
Proposed option and its details, and costs are listed below. This is subject to number of attendees for proposed Istanbul tours. Hence why, your feedback is required by July 31, 2023.

Istanbul Old City Tour, 10.00-16.00 (€200 + VAT per total group max. 20 people can be accommodated & museum entrance costs)
- Hippodrome
- Blue Mosque
- St Sophia
- Basilica Cistern
- Spice Market

Tour Guide: Seher Hande Tumer Acikgoz, Licensed tour guide since 1995 in English and Italian languages. Graduated from Marmara University 1995, Faculty of Tourism and Istanbul University 1999, Italian Language & Literature
Appendices
Program details and costs
Useful links and information for Charter event

Hotel Details and Costs:

Check-in: 15 September  
Check-out: 17 September  
Breakfast included

**Option.1:** Wyndham Hotel Kalamis (Single Room: €205 and Double €220)  
[Wyndham Grand Istanbul Kalamis Marina Hotel | İstanbul, Türkiye Otelleri (wyndhamhotels.com)]

**Option.2:** DoubleTree by Hilton Moda (Room rate: €200/night)  
[Asian Side Istanbul Hotels - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Istanbul – Moda]

**Option.3 (walking distance to the main venue):** Holiday Inn Kadikoy, and IHG Hotel (Single Room: €115 and Double €140)  
[Kadikoy Hotel: Holiday Inn Hotel Istanbul - Kadikoy (ihg.com)]

**Important Notes:**
- It is recommended to book via Booking.com and Hotels.com as it gives the best price vs. local offers
- Above prices are based on Booking.com, and they might change subject to the timing of the booking
Useful links and information for Charter event

Charter Event and Dinner Details and Costs:
Date: 16 September 2023

**Ebru Workshop** to be provided by well-known international Ebru artists, Silvia Bener. She will begin with sharing her stories around “Water” and “Aqua Materia Art”. Afterwards, all attendees will be able to join her, and perform Ebru both on paper and pebble. Everyone could keep or donate their ebru works after the workshop.

Costs for Charter Event (including Light Lunch/ Coffee Break): **€50 per person**

Costs for Dinner: Total cost is **€75 per person** including the menu + limited alcoholic/ non-alcoholic drinks (Venue: 39 Kalamış Marina Hotel & Restaurant)

*Please see e-form link for Charter (Workshop and Dinner) and optional social activity attendance tracking to provide your RSVP by July 31, 2023.*
https://forms.gle/QhgjjXwbbKPt3AWC7

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Istanbul

At the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Istanbul has a rich culture with distinct elements of Western and Eastern influence. It has witnessed some of the greatest empires in human history, each of which has left an indelible mark, whether it be through ancient ruins, cuisine, religious sites, or art. While its history is epic, however, the true pleasures of Istanbul are in the small, mundane details.

Main Venue:
Gazhane İstanbul – Gazhane İstanbul (muzegazhane.istanbul)
Meet the Artist: Silvia Bener

Silvia is an artist and academic who practices Ebru Painting, or Turkish Marbling - an art form which dates back to the 16th century Ottoman tradition of book art. In this technique, mineral/herbal paint is applied to the surface of water to create a design that is then mono-printed onto paper. Silvia has studied Ottoman culture, the philosophy of Islam, Sufism and the cultural significance of water in Istanbul for nearly 25 years. This context inspires Silvia’s practice, where she uses classic Ebru techniques to produce contemporary art from her home studio in Istanbul’s tranquil Cengelköy District. In addition to a master marbler, Silvia is an expert on local waterways and loves giving tours of these architectural wonders!

We believe her passion on ‘water’ will perfectly fit into our aspirations for sustainability for the future.