

Are you looking for friendship and do you want to make a difference?

# WELCOME



# TO AGORA CLUB



# INTERNATIONAL

A fun, trendy and  
international women's club

Part of the Round Table Family



# WHO are we

We are a service club for women from the age of 42 years (Non Past Circlers), 45 years (Past Circlers) with different professions, hobbies and interests.

We offer a platform where all Past Circlers and Non Past Circle friends from diverse horizons can meet.

We are represented in **23 countries** all over the world.



**Agora Club International is working together in respect with Ladies' Circle, Round Table International, 41 Club International and Tangent International on the common platform : "Round Table Family"**





# OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES

To link together all National Associations of Agora Club International

To promote, co-ordinate and develop the friendship which unites them around the motto “Donner et Tolérer”(Service and Tolerance)

To be non-political and non-sectarian.

To maintain good relations with the organisations in the Round Table Family



## OUR MOTTO & NAME

“**Donner et Tolérer**” which means “Service and Tolerance” in English.

**Agora** = a place in Ancient Greece where friends got together to socialize.



The leaf of the **Ginkgo** tree (the holy tree of the East) in our logo stands for our unity and hope

# OUR HISTORY

**In 1987** a group of former members of Ladies' Circle created the first Agora club in Lille, France.

In 1988 the French National Board was founded.

In 1993 the first club in The Netherlands was founded, followed by a club in Belgium the year after.

**In June 1996**, the first AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE took place in Strasbourg, France.



Today Agora Club International has clubs in Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Cyprus, France, Germany, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Morocco, Nepal, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA, Zambia and Zimbabwe, with other countries showing interest.



# SERVICE



Every Agora club individually decides how it will participate in "service". The philosophy of service is not just helping in major service projects, but being ready to help people who are less fortunate, especially women and children, on local, national and international level.

Since 2015 ACI supports a 2-yearly International Service Project (ISP), to which our members actively participate.

info on the current ISP : See on our ACI website : <https://www.agoraclubinternational.com/serviceproject.html>



Moreover, for many years now, ACI has financially supported the International Service Project of our **sisterclub Ladies'Circle International!**

# ORGANISATION

## MEMBERS

Each Agora Club is open to ladies as of the age of 42, unless these ladies have been Past Circlers. The Association is only open for Past Circlers as from the age of 45, or any other age limit as set by the constitutional rules of the Ladies' Circle country. E.g. when the age of 40 is the maximum age for a Lady Member according to the constitutional rules of a Ladies' Circle country, the Past Circlers of such a Ladies' Circle country will be entitled to become a member of an Agora Club as of such age



## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

If Agora Club has no branch in a country, a person can apply to the board of Agora Club International for individual membership of Agora Club.







# ORGANISATION

## LOCALLY NATIONALLY INTERNATIONALLY

Every year a new board is elected locally, nationally and internationally. These boards consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the immediate Past-President.

## LOCAL AGORA CLUB

the local Board organizes monthly meetings and is responsible to invite new members. Activities are being organized by Committees. A club can decide to be a service club, but this is not an obligation.



## NATIONAL AGORA CLUB

unites all local clubs. The national board of each country organizes an annual general meeting, open to all members. This AGM is a forum for communication between the three levels in the organization (local, national, international). The National Board is responsible for chartering new clubs.



# AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL

**Agora Club International** (ACI) unites all member countries.

Every year in October, an ACI **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) is held during the **Agora Club International Conference**.



The 14th of November each year, our members celebrate **ACI day**, which marks the day the first Agora Club was chartered in France in 1987.



All information can be found on the international website:  
**<https://www.agoraclubinternational.com/>**



You can also find us on facebook  
and on Instagram:  
**AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL**



*Looking forward to meet you!*