

PRESS RELEASE

International Federation of Dental Hygienists Announces Social Responsibility Program.

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Rockville, MD, October 16th 2021. Empowering women by creating awareness of oral health is a vital and worthwhile mission. A healthy smile generates higher self-esteem and confidence. And since women are caregivers to both their offspring and aging parents, they influence their entire family. Helping women to achieve better oral health will hopefully have a domino effect for a brighter, healthier future for all. The IFDH is encouraging dental hygienist members to develop projects that empower women through better oral health. Are you participating in a program focused on women? If not, we invite you to develop a project to share with colleagues.

It can be a small project in a community or a nation-wide initiative, as long as it addresses the theme of empowering women. **The IFDH will highlight three projects at a special session in Dublin, Ireland at the International Symposium on Dental Hygiene, August 10-13, 2022.**

Information on how to start your project and apply for the ISDH symposium can be found at <http://www.ifdh.org/social-responsibility-2021-2022.html> To support you in your project, the IFDH has developed a factsheet on getting started and have an example of a current project to explain each step. The IFDH Social Responsibility Committee will also present an online webinar to assist you in planning and implementing your project.

The first IFDH Social Responsibility program in Brisbane, Australia (2019), was highly successful and affected so many lives across the globe. We hope to see you in Dublin, where the impact will be just as big!

ABOUT THE IFDH

Formed in 1986, The International Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFDH) is a non-profit association uniting national dental hygienist organizations by fostering leadership and collaboration. Based in Rockville, MD, the IFDH is the principal advocate for the dental hygiene profession globally and promotes excellence in oral health, education, research and practice. <http://www.ifdh.org>



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