

## About Advocacy in District 16

Advocacy is a core part of Zonta’s mission and vision. Advocacy is the expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes. Zonta advocacy is an action taken “in the public interest” or for “the greater good” with respect to empowering women and girls and their human rights.

The Advocacy Committee undertakes the following activities:

- General advocacy matters related to women and girls
- Coordinating Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women activity throughout District 16
- Making submissions on upcoming legislation that will improve the status of women and girls
- Representing District 16 on the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Committee
- Representing District 16’s interests on the New Zealand International Caucus (convened by the Ministry for Women)
- Engaging with Zonta International on women’s issues through the United Nations and Council of Europe Consultation process

The Advocacy Chair for District 16 is Helen Bowie. Contact details for Helen and other Committee members are listed below.

The following resources are available for Clubs:

	<b>Document(s)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Zonta International	Advocacy Tools	<a href="https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Advocacy-Tools">https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Advocacy-Tools</a>
District 16	Advocacy Submissions Policy	<a href="https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Advocacy-Submissions-Policy-D16-May-2018.pdf">https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Advocacy-Submissions-Policy-D16-May-2018.pdf</a>
	Strategic Framework for Zonta International District 16 Advocacy 2018 – 2020	<a href="https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Strategic-Framework-for-ZI-District-16-Advocacy-2018-2020.pdf">https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Strategic-Framework-for-ZI-District-16-Advocacy-2018-2020.pdf</a>
	Position paper “Preventing Forced Early Marriages and Relationships in New Zealand”	<a href="https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Position-Paper-Preventing-Forced-Early-Marriages-and-Relationships-in-New-Zealand.pdf">https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Position-Paper-Preventing-Forced-Early-Marriages-and-Relationships-in-New-Zealand.pdf</a>
	Fact Sheet: New Family Violence Legislation	<a href="https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Fact-Sheet-New-Family-Violence-Legislation-compressed.pdf">https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Fact-Sheet-New-Family-Violence-Legislation-compressed.pdf</a>

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