IASSW Statement on Ukraine

Social workers subscribe to the principle of self-determination of the people, and stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people taking a stand against the aggressor on the basis of our shared values. We abhor the use of force against the territorial integrity to subjugate any people and urge all nations, government and non-government organizations, to respect human rights, social justice and international laws that uphold Ukraine’s sovereignty and independence.

IASSW has spent the past 94 years encouraging the social work profession throughout the world in seeking peaceful resolutions of conflicts and disagreements, whatever the cause. In keeping with this tradition, IASSW condemns the current attack on Ukraine and the needless loss of life, destruction to housing and other built infrastructures, and cost to the environment, caused through the contribution that discharging military ordnance. This has already brought unimaginable horrors among civilians, refugees, combatants and the world’s ecosystem. IASSW calls on the international community throughout the globe to come together to insist that President Putin cease this attack immediately and engage in dialogue where Ukrainian people’s voices will be heard and their sovereignty upheld.
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IASSW wished women across the globe Happy Women's Day through video messages from the women leaders of IASSW. Through their message they requested everyone too work towards Gender Equality to examine the opportunities, as well as to empower women and girls to have a voice and be equal players in decision making further leading to Sustainable Future.

In a special way they also appreciated the women in Ukraine for the courage they have shown and their patience in these times of trouble.

Best Practices of Social Work Methods was released on January 17, 2022, by Notion Press Publishers, a company that internationally distributes the book mainly through online stores.

Best Practices of Social Work Methods is an attempt to discuss indigenous approaches to social work methods globally, aiming to impart knowledge and support the practitioners, academicians and students to work for social work intervention models, appropriate to the local needs within the socio-cultural context. The book brings an evidential reading to the social work practice professionally in the backdrop of six social work methods. The book is picturesque of how social workers worldwide attempted to practice profession and relate the knowledge they earned from theories and thus makes reading examples for furthering the social work profession.
IASSW elections 2022: Vote On-Line

The IASSW is holding elections for three positions on the IASSW Board of Directors (Treasurer and two Members at large representing all IASSW members).


Please note following points:

- Only those members who have paid membership dues for 2022 are eligible to vote.
- Electronic Ballot is password protected, if you OR your school has paid membership for 2022, Please ask for password – Rashmi Pandey – rashmi@iassw-aiets.org
- The deadline for on-line e-voting is 31stMay 2022.
- Each Member can only vote ONCE.
- Affiliate Members do not have voting rights.

Your active participation in voting is important, Every vote matters. Kindly exercise your right to vote as paid members of IASSW and choose the individuals whom you feel are worthy of the positions.

Partnership Management

The book of Mark Enrickson: The origin of social care and social work and Community Development Case Studies in Asia (A Collection of Contemporary Cases from Social Work Perspective) was endorsed by Annamaria Campini. As part of her endorsement she highlighted that bringing together the historical roots of social work with the cultural and religious influences on its global development, is an unprecedented operation. Mark Henrickson has produced a fundamental work that offers important guidance for building international social work.

IASSW in Iran conference: Iran Association of Social Workers (IrASW) organised the 4th International and 36th national social work day conference on: Social Work and Social Inclusion. During the conference Annamaria Campini, President, IASSW spoke on service user inclusion in social work education. It engages all of the participants in a process aimed to transform traditional power relationships through the inter-subjective discourses that lend to the production of knowledge aimed at individual and social change.

She also highlighted the importance of social work as profession is to promote social change through focusing practice on human well-being, human rights, and social justice, factors all closely aligned to inclusion in the social fabric within which people live. The profession should operate on multiple social levels ranging from work with individuals to enhance their well-being, or focus their activities in supporting whole communities, to work at more macro level, developing social policy, research, and knowledge. The conference was held on Wednesday 23 Feb 2022.
IASSW - Student Membership

IASSW reaches out to the student community across the globe by launching the membership opportunity for students. IASSW is proudly inviting all students to take up the membership and gain access to the enriching resources of social work. Reach out to www.iassw-aiets.org for further details.

Upcoming Programs

International Seminar on Disaster Preparedness & Sustainable Development

In conjunction with World Social Work Day 2022, the international seminar will position “Social Work in an Eco-Social World” and help build new partnerships and alliances. We join with social workers all over the world in a concerted effort towards ‘Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind’.

The International Seminar, jointly organized by IASSW with GISW, along with many supporting organizations, aims to network practitioners, researchers and educators in the social work and the field of disaster risk reduction and management for sharing best practices in crisis and disaster management focusing on sustainability and covering topics such as: Climate Change, Green Social Work, Disaster Risk Reduction and Crisis Management.

SWESD Conference - 2022

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 all around the world, we are now facing newly emerging social problems and social demands. Inequality, exclusion, discrimination, global unemployment and food insecurity has been intensified, and it is expected to be increased even more as the COVID-19 pandemic continues for over two years. Considering the changing environment of the global society, it is important to redefine social work practices in a post pandemic world.

Hence, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) presents Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development (SWESD) 2022 titled - “Redefining social policy and social work practice in a post-pandemic society: Social welfare programs and social work education at a crossroads.” For further information visit www.iassw-aiets.org
Mail regarding membership renewal has been sent to all individual and institutional members of IASSW. Requesting you all to renew your membership with us for sustained association.

[https://www.iassw-aiets.org/membership/](https://www.iassw-aiets.org/membership/)

We invite all members and readers to share the recent news and updates of your organization latest by 10th of every month for it to be published in this monthly newsletter. Kindly share your reports with relevant photographs to Ms. Jenny Joy, Communication Officer

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