Right to Seek Safety

Observing the World Refugee Day IASSW conducted a webinar on 28th June, 2022 titled – “Right to seek safety”. The webinar was hosted on the virtual platform zoom and live-streamed via IASSW Facebook page for a larger audience. The webinar was moderated by Janet Walker, Prof – International Social Work University of Lincoln, England The panelists Dr. Timo Tohidipur (University of Frankfurt, Germany), spoke about ‘World Refugee Day 2022 - Between Solidarity and Deterrence’. Dr. George Palattiyil, Senior Lecturer and Head of Social Work at the University of Edinburgh and Dr. Dina Sidhva, Lecturer in Social Work, University of the West of Scotland. They jointly presented on “Precarity, Risk, and Lack of Protection: Experiences of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) of Refugee Women in Uganda and Jordan”
Authors are warmly invited to submit abstracts for Oral, Symposium, Workshop, and Poster presentations and invite both traditional papers and innovative contributions of various kinds. Each registered author may submit a maximum of 2 abstracts. Authors need to be clear to indicate which type of presentation their abstracts will fit in.

**PRESENTATION TYPES:**
- **Oral Presentation**
- **Oral in Workshop** – Oral presentation with audience interaction.
- **Oral in Symposium** – Oral presentation with 2 or more co-authors per abstract. The abstract should describe the title, the main purpose of the symposium, and 2 or more presentation contents, each with the name of the author. ONLY the coordinator of the symposium must submit the abstract entering all the names of the authors.
- **Poster**
- **Language of presentation:** The abstract should be presented in English. All abstracts will be reviewed by the International Scientific Committee who will grade them for inclusion at the Conference. Submissions will be selected through a peer review panel based on scientific merit and relevance of findings.

**Call for Abstracts closes: 31st July 2022**
**Notification of Abstract acceptance: 31st August 2022**

If there is any inquiry, write to swesd2022@gmail.com
This panel was composed of social workers from England, Israel, New Zealand, Slovenia, and South Africa who have experience with violence and war, building solidarity, providing support, and promoting social cohesion and peace. Addressed during this panel were weekly meetings with social work academics in Ukraine organized by the East European Sub Region of IASSW in solidarity and actions aimed at providing support focusing on expressed needs of Ukrainian colleagues and the limitations and opportunities of this kind of support. The newly created Social Work for Peace (SW4P) network was organized to support Ukrainian social and community workers by providing services and hope to people surviving the war, whether defending their homes within Ukraine, or fleeing to other lands for safety; violence against indigenous communities and gender-based violence; and responses to post-traumatic stress ranging from pathological symptoms and vulnerability to healthy responses, hardiness, and resilience.

The panel discussed the social workers’ approaches and strategies of intervention, implications for educational and professional training, and roles of social workers before, during, and after traumatic events and stressed the importance of building solidarity, providing support, antimilitarism, and promoting peace for all acts of violence and war.

**Panelists**

- Orit Nuttman-Shwartz: Social worker, professor at the School of Social Work at Sapir Academic College (Israel)
- David McNabb, Senior Lecturer – Social Practice, School of Healthcare and Social Practice at UNITEC (New Zealand)
- Shirley Ikkala Professional Teaching Fellow at University of Auckland. New Zealand.
- Shahana Rasool University of Johannesburg. (South Africa)
- Darja Zaviršek Sub-Regional Representative – President Of East European Regional Association. (Slovenia)
- Oksana Boyko, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine)
- Lena Dominelli, Stirling University

**Facilitator:** Janet Walker
Dr. Karene-Anne Nathaniel was the Key Note Speaker representing IASSW at the People’s Global Summit on 30th June. She spoke on the topic - “Leave no one Behind – Confronting Caribbean Realities”. Dr. Nathaniel serves on the Board of Directors of IASSW and participates on a number of committees, currently serving as the executive of the North American and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work (NACASSW) and interim president of the Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators (ACSWE).

This keynote highlights the realities for the small island developing states of the Eastern Caribbean, on the premise that, in order to meaningfully strategize for ‘leaving no one behind, the global social work community has to recognize and acknowledge who has been severely impacted, how they have been affected, and who is highest at risk of being forgotten, therefore ‘left behind. The presentation called for a reminder about the enduring power of community and prevailing cultures of resilience which are valuable resources for co-building an eco-social world.

Dr. Karene-Anne Nathaniel is a social work educator with over 17 years of teaching experience at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels at The University of West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. Her areas of specialization are critical thinking and practice, professional socialization, macro-practice interventions with communities, and social justice. She has also taught cultural and interpersonal competencies in Mediation Studies and medical sciences in the Post Graduate program.
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IASSW announces - Social Dialogue - Vol 26

International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) has launched Social Dialogue magazine volume 26 on Black Lives Matter: developments in de-colonising social work. This volume contains 16 articles from Ecuador, Guyana, Uruguay, Papua New Guinea, Italy, UK, Canada, Australia, and Aotearoa/New Zealand, exploring the title “Black lives matter: Developments in decolonizing social work”. It is a collective effort from academics, students, practice teachers, and social workers across the world. Guest Editors are: Kish Bhatti-Sinclair and Brian Littlechild and Editor-in-chief is Carolyn Noble. Please visit for current and past volumes: https://socialdialogue.online/ and share your experience with us at hello@iassw-aiets.org.
Congratulations to IASSW's newly elected board members for 4 years of term (2022-2026)

Thank you & Welcome!

IASSW appreciates and thanks the services of its outgoing Board Members

- Augusta Yetunde Olaore - Member at large: Term 2018-2022
- P K Shahjah - Member at large: Term 2018-2021 (resigned in 2021)
- Teresa Francesca Bertotti – Vice President IASSW (President EASSW): Term 2018-2021
- Zulkarnain Hatta – Vice President IASSW (President APASWE): Term 2018-2021
- Gidraph Wairire – Vice President IASSW (President ASSWA): Term 2018-2021
- Late Vimla Nadkarni – Immediate Past President: Term 2016-2020, 2020-2021

Treasurer
Azlinda Azman from Malaysia
Dr. Azlinda Azman is a Professor of Social Work and the Dean of School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang

Member-at-large
Alex Altshuler from Israel
Dr. Alex Altshuler is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Social Work, University of Haifa, Israel.

Member-at-large
Pamela Singla
Dr. Pamela Singla is Professor and Head, Department of Social Work (DSW), University of Delhi (DU), India.
CSWE’s Commission on Global Social Work Education and the Katherine A. Kendall Institute collaborate to offer the International Social Work Leader Review. Each quarter the Review features an individual who has made significant contributions to international social work education with ties to the United States. In the spirit of Katherine A. Kendall’s life and work, these highlighted leaders are recognized as influencers in the global social work community whose efforts have made important advancements in social work education and practice.

**Featured Leader**

**Vimla V. Nadkarni (1948 – 2021)**

Although small in stature, Vimla Nadkarni (née Lala) was a giant in shaping both Indian and global social work. Professor Nadkarni is well-known internationally for her work as President of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) from 2012–2016, although she was active in many areas of international social work and served on numerous international projects, editorial, and advisory boards. She headed the Department of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work and was the Founding Dean of the School of Social Work at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai, India, from which she retired in 2013 after 42 years of service.

More here: https://www.cswe.org/centers-initiatives/kendall-institute/international-social-work-leader-review/

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https://www.iassw-aiets.org/membership/

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