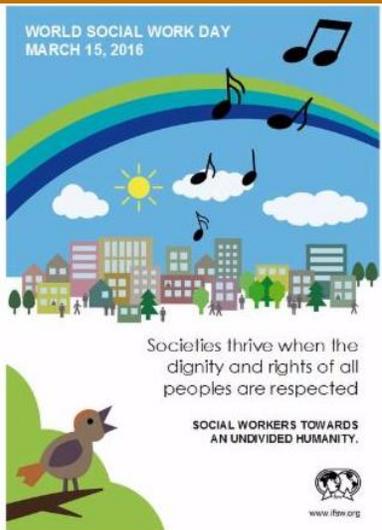




Irish Association of Social Workers
Cumann na hÉireann um Oibríthe Sóisialta

February Newsletter



World Social Work Day was initiated by the IFSW a number of years ago to mark the contribution of social work to societies across the globe on an annual basis. WSWD 2016 gives us an opportunity to both celebrate the positive impact on society that social workers across Ireland have made and to inspire us to continue to fight the problems that negatively affect the dignity and worth of people. Click [here](#) to find out more or to download the posters. Updates on IASW events on the day can be found at www.iasw.ie. #makeadifference #WSWD2016

IASW CPD Policy and Folder 2015

The IASW CPD folder containing our revised policy and updated resources has now been posted out to all categories of membership due to receive one. To view additional CPD resources and information please visit the members only [IASW CPD Resources](#) section at www.iasw.ie

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

February 2016

Dear member

Now that the Oscars are finished for another year, it's time to think about the IASW Social Work Awards 2016! Is there a colleague that has inspired you this year? Or a team that have showed exceptional dedication? A practice teacher who's knowledge and guidance has enhanced a student's learning? Or a social worker, who's research has impacted on the way you deliver your service? If so, please take the time to acknowledge them and complete the nomination before the end of March.



More immediately, on March 15th, we join the worldwide celebration of social work practice in promoting the dignity and worth of people. I hope that you'll be able to make the time to join in with one of the many events that are happening around the country, drawing attention to the difference that social workers can make in the lives of those we work with! #makeadifference #WSWD2016

Dónal O'Malley, IASW Chair

IASW Social Work Awards 2016 - Nominations are now open

Nominations are now open to celebrate excellence in social work practice. The awards, which are in the second year, will show case some of the most innovative and pioneering work being carried out by social workers in Ireland. The calibre of the finalists and winners for 2015 was most impressive and demonstrated the excellent practice undertaken by social workers.

This year there are 5 categories:

- Newly Qualified Social Worker of the Year
- Social Worker of the Year
- Practice Teacher of the Year
- Social Work Team of the Year
- Social Work Researcher of the Year

The awards are open to teams employing social workers or individual social workers who are currently working in statutory, voluntary, private, education and training sectors in Ireland.

Entry forms and the information pack are now available on the [IASW website](#).

The closing date for entries is 31st March 2016.

IN THE ASSOCIATION

The IASW Council meets four times per year. All Council representatives are asked to prepare and present a short report on the activities of their Group for each quarter. The report includes information such as (1) meeting dates/venues, (2) key actions, main issues/priorities for the coming months (3) information on upcoming events/conferences (4) information on submissions made (5) involvement in national panels, expert reviewing groups, etc.

You can [read more](#) about the work of our volunteer SIGs/Committees/Associate Groups here. Click [here to join one of the Council Groups](#)



IASW represented at the Solidarity Symposium on Austerity and Social Work

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) brought together country representatives from Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Spain and UK to create links between the social workers in the austerity affected countries for shared learning, support, solidarity and joint action. Maria Swan from the IASW's International Committee represented Ireland. Click [here](#) to read about her report on the Solidarity Symposium.

CORU, Fitness to Practise and Service Users' Personal Data

2015 has seen the first fitness to practise complaints to CORU against social workers. One of the issues which has arisen relates to the disclosure, by social workers who are the subject of a complaint, of service users' personal data and providing files or relevant extracts of files to CORU. Gary

Shortlisted finalists will be invited to a celebratory dinner and awards presentation on 17th June in Croke Park, Dublin.



Winners of the IASW Social Work Awards 2015

IASW Upcoming Events

To secure your place at an IASW event, **you need to book and pay online**. You can do this by visiting the relevant events page on the website, clicking on the **Book Now** button at the top of the page and completing the booking form.

To avail of the member rate for events you need to use the e-mail address you used for your IASW membership details.



Essential Learning for New Social Workers

Friday, 8th March from 9.00 - 1.30, AGM 1.30 - 2.00
Wynns Hotel, Abbey Street, Dublin 1
Members €5/ non-members €15

The Newly Qualified Social Workers Special Interest Group will hold a half day conference with speakers on CPD Standards and Requirements, Self-Reflection and Self Care. The AGM will be held afterwards.

World Social Work Day 2016

Tuesday, 15th March
Nationwide free events

This year's theme is Promoting the Dignity and Worth of Peoples with a number of events across the country. Regular updates can be found on the events page at www.iasw.ie or on [Facebook](#).

Practitioner Researcher SIG Conference

Friday, 22nd April from 10.30 - 5.00 (Registration 9.30)
University College Cork

Members €15/€30 non-members (includes lunch)
The SIG will hold their first national conference and have confirmed Professor Elaine Sharland, University of Sussex as the keynote speaker. A call for papers will be issued shortly.

IASW National Social Work Conference,

Rice and Aidan Healy of DAC Beachcroft explain the issues which have arisen and how they have approached them in the context of the cases in which they have represented social workers. Click [here](#) to read more.

AGM & Social Work Awards 2016
Friday, 17th June
Croke Park, Jones Road, Dublin 3

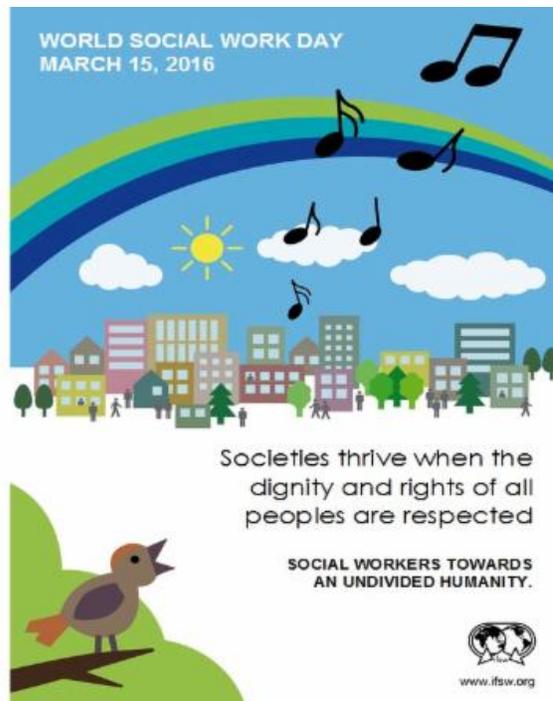
IASW in the News

Dónal O'Malley, Chairperson of the Association, has been active in the media in relation to a number of issues concerning social work. Read the media coverage in our [news section](#).

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