

# October Newsletter



## Irish Social Worker Call for Articles

The IASW Interim Journal Committee seeks articles for the next editions of the IASW Journal: The Irish Social Worker. If you have an article you would like considered for publication or would like further details, please e-mail [office@iasw.ie](mailto:office@iasw.ie)

The IASW are considering whether to make all Journals available for open access via the Lenus Irish Health Repository after a period of time. It is hoped that social workers, students and academics will be able to share their knowledge both nationally and internationally.

The IASW Board also plan to recruit a new editor of the IASW Journal: The Irish Social Worker. In the interim the Board have requested an interim Journal Committee to prepare the next two editions of the IASW Journal. The Interim Journal Committee include Gloria Kirwan Guest Editor, Saragh McGarrigle, and Frank Browne.

**JOIN US!!!**

October 2014

## Dear member

As the evenings get shorter and the mince pies appear in the shops ;-), it's important to take a moment to reflect on the many events we've had in the last month and what we've learnt from those that spoke, experts and colleagues alike and how it has influenced our practice. I'd also like to say thank you to all members and future members who have helped to further the goals of the social work profession through giving their time and expertise to the Association. Especially those involved in the recent conference with our friends in the NIASW, those who helped with our submission to the TUSLA corporate plan and the many people helping in our ongoing campaigns against homelessness and Direct Provision.



*Dónal O'Malley, IASW Chair*

## Continuing Professional Development

### IASW CPD Events

IASW members will be kept updated by email on news of upcoming conferences, seminars and training. The cost for IASW members has been subsidised for many of our events, one of the many benefits of membership.

Presentations from past events can be downloaded from the relevant events page which you can find in the IASW Past Events section. Only those presentations we have speaker permission to make available can be downloaded.

### Practitioner Researcher Group

The aim of the group is to support social workers develop and disseminate research as a way of contributing to the social work knowledge base and developing new skills. Next meeting is at 6pm, Monday, 3rd November in room 3106, Arts Building, Trinity College.

Further information will be circulated to IASW members

## IASW Upcoming Events

To secure your place at an IASW event, you will 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.



[Find out more about the benefits of membership](#)



## Applying Human Rights in Frontline Social Work

### IASW International Committee seminar

Thursday, 6th November from 9.30 - 1  
Wynns Hotel, Abbey Street, Dublin

This seminar will put a focus on human rights as a core principle underpinning social work practice. Check the website for further details.

## Research Conference Call for Submissions

The HSE Health & Social Care Professionals EDA Research Subgroup invites your submission for its one-day conference:

### DELIVERING HEALTHY IRELAND: IMPACT OF HSCP RESEARCH & PRACTICE

The conference will include keynote speakers, oral & poster presentations and research workshops. To read more & submit an abstract please visit [www.hseland.ie](http://www.hseland.ie) and go to the Practice Development Hubs - click on HSCP hub - you will find details on the call for submissions at the bottom of the Home Page. If not already registered with HSEland the you need to register to get a username/password. Any queries to [frances.conneely@hse.ie](mailto:frances.conneely@hse.ie)

## Healthcare Records and the Vulnerable Adult

Friday, 7th November from 9.30 - 5  
Conference Room, HSE Disability Services, Cloonamahon House, Collooney, Sligo

€55 members, students and unemployed/ €95 non-members  
La Touche Training have been commissioned by the IASW to provide a one day course on healthcare records tailored to meet the needs of social workers who work with vulnerable adults across a range a healthcare settings.

## Healthcare Records and the Vulnerable Adult

Wednesday, 19th November from 9.30 - 5  
St Andrews Resource Centre, 114-116 Pearse Street, Dublin 2

€55 members, students and unemployed/ €95 non-members  
La Touche Training have been commissioned by the IASW to provide a one day course on healthcare records tailored to meet the needs of social workers who work with vulnerable adults across a range a healthcare settings.

## Social Workers in Adult Mental Health Conference - Date for your Diary

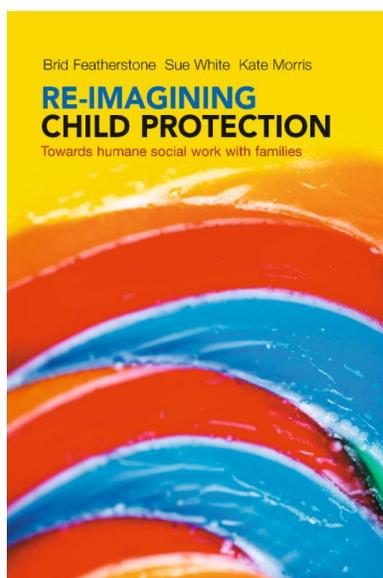
Friday, 21st November  
St Patrick's Hospital, Dublin 8

The theme will embrace the concept of housing first to facilitate recovery. Check the website for further details.

## Special Interest Group on Ageing Conference & AGM

Friday, 28th November  
Wynn's Hotel, Abbey Street, Dublin 1

Check the website for further details.



There are a few copies of the book left for sale following the book launch. Contact [office@iasw.ie](mailto:office@iasw.ie) or call (01) 6774838 if you would like a copy. Cost is €23 incl. postage.

## Legislation & Policy

The **General Scheme of the Children and Family Relationships Bill 2014** was published in late September. The proposed legislation is the most important reform of child and family law for a generation. It provides legal clarity around various family types and address discrimination faced by children in non-marital families. It is hoped that it will significantly reduce the number of cases going to court due to the current legal vacuum. The General Scheme addresses key issues relating to guardianship, custody, access, maintenance, adoption, parentage, assisted human reproduction and surrogacy. You can download the proposed legislation and a note on same from the [Policy and Legislation section of www.iasw.ie](#)

The IASW is an active member of the Children's Rights Alliance working group on this issue and is continuing to advocate on this Bill as it progresses through the Oireachtas.



The **IASW submission on Tusla's Corporate Plan** can be downloaded from the [Submissions & Representations](#) section of the website.

### **TELL IT TO THE HAND !!**

Let us know your views, suggestions and feedback. Get in touch at [office@iasw.ie](mailto:office@iasw.ie) or on 

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