

# September Newsletter

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## IASW in the News

Children at risk as pressure on frontline services continues to grow - [Read the IASW view in the Irish Times](#)

Dónal O'Malley, IASW chairperson, spoke on News at One in response to medical social workers highlighting the difficulties for patients accessing homeless services when discharged from hospital

## Practitioner Research Group



The IASW & social work educators are coming together to look at how we can support social workers develop and disseminate research as a way of contributing to the social work knowledge base and developing new skills. We're particularly interested to hear from social workers who have undertaken research but haven't published. First meeting is at 6pm, Monday, 29th September in room 4050B, Arts Building, Trinity College. RSVP to [office@iasw.ie](mailto:office@iasw.ie) if you'd like to attend.

## Dear member

Now that the Electric Picnic is over and the children are back at school, work begins in earnest on the busy Autumn/Winter schedule of CPD events as well as the various campaigns that the Association is involved in the build up to Budget 2015. A stronger Association means a more powerful voice for issues that concern social workers, both professionally and personally. Please encourage a colleague to join today. We're stronger together!



*Dónal O'Malley, IASW Chair*

## Continuing Professional Development

### Update on the SWRB CPD Framework for Social Workers

The latest news from CORU is that the SWRB's CPD Framework for social workers has is delayed and will not be in place until 31st May 2015 when the 24 month audit cycle for social workers will begin. The Framework will outline specific CPD requirements for social workers.

In the meantime, as per the *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Social Workers* registrants have a duty to take part in CPD and to keep clear and accurate records of CPD. See section 23 of your Code for further detail and check out the [CPD section](#) of the IASW website for the latest briefing on [CPD & Registration](#).

### 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.

## IASW Upcoming Events

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



JOIN US!!!

**Bridging the Gap:  
Social Workers in Primary Care Conference &**



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

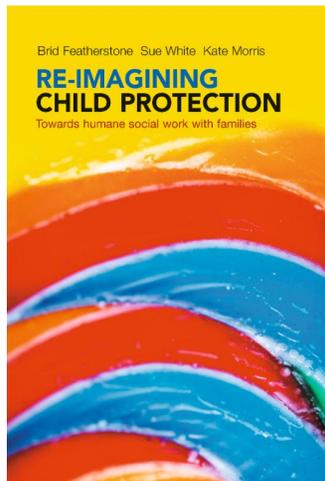
## Book Launch Invite

### Putting the social into social work!

The IASW is hosting the [Irish book launch](#) of **Re-imagining Child Protection: Towards Humane Social Work with Children & Families** by Brid Featherstone, Sue White and Kate Morris. Come join us!

**Tuesday, 23rd September**  
**6 pm @**  
**Cobalt Café & Gallery**  
**16 North Great George's St**  
**Dublin 1**

RSVP to [office@iasw.ie](mailto:office@iasw.ie)



### Mental Health Reform

The IASW is a member of MHR and who recently launched their pre-budget campaign. If you'd like to support you can [sign the petition](#) asking Government to allocate an additional €50 million, as promised, for the continued development of community-based mental health services in 2015, and especially for 24/7 crisis intervention services in every area of the country.

## AGM

Friday, 12th September 2014 from 9.00 - 4.00

Ashling Hotel, Dublin

€15 members, students, unemployed/€25 non-members

This year's conference will consider the crucial role that social workers in primary care have in supporting service users to bridge the gap that can occur between self, primary and secondary care.

Click [here](#) for more details and to book your place

## Age Appropriate Communication with Children

Friday, 19th September 2014 from 10.00 - 3.30

St Andrew's Resource Centre, Pearse St. Dublin 2

**FULLY BOOKED & WAITING LIST CLOSED**

## Take the Lead: Influencing and Advocating for Change

### All Ireland Conference co-hosted by the IASW & the NIASW

Wednesday, 24th September 2014 from 9.30 - 4.00

Ashling Hotel, Dublin

€25 members, students, unemployed/ €40 non-members

The conference will put a focus on how social workers can influence change. Keynote speakers include Neil Thompson on *Professional Assertiveness* and Brid Featherstone on *Social Workers as Advocates for Social Justice*. Click [here](#) for more details and to book your place

## Healthcare Records and the Vulnerable Adult

Friday, 26th September from 9.30 - 5

Montenotte House, COPE Foundation, Cork

€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. Click [here](#) for more details and to book your place

**Due to popular demand this event will also take place in Sligo on Friday, 7th November and in Dublin on Wednesday, 19th November - if you have booked the Cork event and would prefer to attend at another location, please mail [office@iasw.ie](mailto:office@iasw.ie)**

## Disseminating Your Research

Friday, 3rd October from 9.30 - 1

St Andrews Resource Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin 2

€5 members students and unemployed/ €10 non-members

This seminar is targeted at research-minded practitioners who would like to develop skills and knowledge in disseminating research. Click [here](#) for more details and to book your place.

## Working with Adolescents in the Context of the Family: Roadmaps and Toolkits

Friday, 10th October from 9.30 - 1

St Andrews Resource Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin 2

€5 members students and unemployed/ €10 non-members

Topics include engaging adolescents, engaging adolescents & families, sharing resources for individual and family work and case examples/illustrations. Book [online](#) to secure your place.

## Empowering People in Care - Advocacy in Action

Wednesday, 15th October from 9.30 - 1

St Andrews Resource Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin 2

€5 members students and unemployed/ €10 non-members

This seminar will be presented by Joanne Seery and Larissa Comiskey, advocacy officers with EPIC. To see more details and to book your place click [here](#)

## Social Workers in Disability Conference & AGM

Friday, 17th October 2014



Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin  
Details to be announced shortly

## TELL IT TO THE HAND !!

Let us know your views,  
suggestions and feedback.  
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