

## **SOCIAL WORK AROUND THE WORLD V: THE GLOBAL AGENDA FOR SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Focus**

Publication of this online book coincides with the development of a strategy to develop a Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development. This recognizes that the common mission of the social work profession and social development is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers, social work educators and policy practitioners and developers, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective. The development of a Global Agenda gives us the opportunity to take stock of our past experiences and to articulate a new and crucial vision for engagement that can mobilize our members and partners – and beyond.

At the Global Conference in Hong Kong in 2010, key themes (and corresponding strategies) were identified and agreed by the three partner organizations (IFSW, IASSW and ICSW) in their Global Agenda statement as detailed below.

### **The Agenda statement**

“The consultation process identified four main themes which will be developed and elaborated in the coming months. They will also form major strands in the program for the next global conference being promoted by the three organizations in Stockholm in July 2012.

#### **1. Social and economic inequalities within countries and between regions**

The recent and continuing economic crises and the modalities chosen by world leaders to deal with them (e.g. using resources to support the financial systems while cutting resources for social support and social development) have led to:

- Growing inequalities and their implications
- The worsening marginalisation of populations and of the working poor
- Increased vulnerability of poor people in countries which do not have an adequate social protection floor
- Community disintegration.

#### **2. Dignity and worth of the person**

- Human rights issues in relation to social, economic, cultural and political situations
- Respect for diversity and different belief systems, especially indigenous and first people's voices
- Political instabilities, violence, dominations, and the erosion of peace building processes
- Terrorism and modes of response by states and the modalities of handling global conflicts
- Migration, refugees, trafficking, immigrants, immigration and ways of handling these issues
- The role for social work practice, education and social development.

#### **3. Environmental Sustainability**

- Disasters of natural and human origin, management and prevention
- Involvement of local communities in developing responses
- Implications for sustainable social development
- Protecting the physical environment
- Proactive engagement with social, human and ecological development.

#### **4. Importance of human relationships**

Family and relationship issues and challenges across the lifespan emerge as a major concern in relation to the transformation of the world. For example the needs of:

- Children and families
- People with disabilities
- People needing health and mental health services
- People who are ageing
- People with drugs and substance abuse problems
- People suffering from violence within domestic and intimate relationships.”

#### **Aims of the book**

This book aims to collate scholarly and academic contributions that will advance our understanding of these themes. Its primary aim is to summarise the current state of knowledge about the different themes and areas addressed by the Agenda and to examine the debates behind the headlines. Contributors are invited to work on articles for this publication, which it is hoped will help the international social work community clarify this strategy and provide stimulus for building the Global Agenda. Exact topics will be agreed with contributors.

Like the previous issues of Social Work Around the World, the focus of this book is on social work practice, education or social development in different countries and cultures – and for this publication related specifically to the Global Agenda process.

#### **Editors**

The commissioning editor will be Nigel Hall, who has substantial experience of similar projects, assisted by an editorial review team who will referee articles to ensure these are of the required standard.

#### **Submissions**

Interested social work practitioners and academics from different regions of the world are requested to identify possible chapter contributions. An initial abstract of 100 words should be sent to the editor, for review and go-ahead to prepare articles. Selected articles will then be edited and then published in this virtual book. All communication will take place through e-mail.

#### **The timeline for production**

July 2011	Invitation to submit articles
<b>August 31 2011</b>	<b>Submission of abstracts</b>
Nov 2011	Final submission of articles
Dec 2011 – Jan 2012	Review period and final re-writing submission
Feb – May 2012	Proofing and final preparation

#### **Word length**

Maximum length for articles should be 3500 words, which should include a 100 word abstract.

**This will be adhered to strictly and articles exceeding this length will not be published.**

Authors are requested to send their copy by e-mail attachment to [nigel.hall37@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.hall37@btinternet.com)

## **Social Work Around the World V Manuscript Guidelines**

### **Submissions:**

Submissions must be in English and less than 3500 words and submitted by email on Microsoft Word. An abstract of no more than 100 words describing the article's main findings and conclusions must be included.

Titles should be clear and brief. Quotations over 40 words should be displayed. Notes are indicated by numbers in the text and printed at the end of the article. Tables and figures should have short titles; please give sources and indicate their placement in the text.

Omit points in abbreviations such as USA; use the fewest numerals possible in dates and page numbers (e.g. 42–5, 1991–2). Write dates as 22 November 1998; spell out numbers from one to nine, but use numerals for 10 and over, for percentages and for all tables.

### **Give citations in the text as:**

Brown (1998: 63-4), Brown and Gutierrez (1991, 1995). Use 'et al.' for works with more than two authors, but give all surnames in the references list. Use 'a', 'b' etc. for different works by the same author in a single year: Gutierrez (1997a). All the cited references should appear in full at the end of the article using this style:

*Articles in journals:* Ramon, S. and S. Pathak (1997) 'Recent trends in European Social Work', *International Perspectives* 8(1): 3-5.

*Books:* Pathak, S. (1983) *Social Welfare Resources*. Delhi: Suchuri Publications.

*Contributors to books:* Hill, A. (1962) 'The Administrative Structure', in C. Drake and P. Omari (eds) *Social Work in West Africa*, pp. 62-89. Accra: Ghana Publishing Co.

*Unpublished Works:* Cernely, S. (1998) 'Social work as liberation', Younghusband Lecture, 36th IASSW Congress, Washington DC, 20 July.

Chapters submitted for the book will be considered on the understanding that they are not simultaneously submitted for publication elsewhere.

Chapters submitted for the book will be sent to an editorial review team for refereeing and may be returned to you for re-working.

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