



A Note From the Chair

Season's greetings colleagues, as yet another challenging year draws to a close. This is traditionally a time of the year for reflection, as well as for looking forward. Through your collective support, the Association has had a very successful year, supporting our members and the wider profession, as well as advocating for better policies and social justice for those who use social work services. Once again, throughout 2021, social workers have been to the fore in providing vital services to individuals, families and communities in the full range of service settings, across the lifecycle and across the country. While IASW celebrated our fiftieth anniversary in 2021, we were unable to gather together to do so, because of COVID-19. Nevertheless, we took the available opportunities to review our half century as Ireland's social work representative organisation and to remember those colleagues who have gone before us and prepared the way for those involved today.



Our membership numbers have been growing. This is really important, as our strength as a representative association is based on our collective working together. Our combined membership is the foundation of that collective strength and we especially ask that existing members continue to encourage others to join the association. We also depend so much on the voluntary input of so many colleague members and that energy and commitment is very much valued and appreciated. For the coming year, I would again call on as many of you as possible to get involved in IASW activities, events and working groups. You all have so much to contribute, in terms of energy and expertise, to how the IASW continues to learn and grow.

There are still many challenges for the social work profession, for our colleagues and for those using social work services. Some of those challenges are enduring ones while others are newer, including those generated or exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic. In looking to the future, we will set out our strategic direction and our key objectives for the months and years ahead in our strategic plan for 2022 to 2024, due to be published early in the New Year. There is much to look forward to, for and from social work, in 2022. In that context, I hope you will have time over the holiday period to relax and recharge. I look forward then to joining with you all again, including established colleagues and those joining or getting involved for the first time, as we face into 2022 with renewed energy and purpose.

Vivian Geiran, IASW Chair, SW00319

IASW Events

- Jan 19th: Making the Most of Feedback – Promoting Feedback Literacy in Student Placements
- Feb 4th: The Decision Support Service
- Feb 7th: The Decider Skills Two Day Course

Upcoming Events

IASW in the News

- 1 in 5 children in care did not have social worker - HIQA
- Reform in the Nursing Home Sector
- Tusla staff and children in care identified in attacks on social media

IASW News

We are extremely grateful to Practice Teachers who are our partners in educating future Social Work practitioners. We greatly appreciate your commitment to maintaining practice-based education over the past two difficult years, which has enabled students to progress through their programmes and graduate. Your ongoing support with the provision of social work placements is needed for 2022. Benefits of Practice Teaching includes CPD, learning opportunities and the positive contribution and service hours from social work students.



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Events



You will be happy to know that IASW membership fees have not increased for 2022. Please see membership rates below and contact the office if your membership type needs to be adjusted.



The IASW staff and office team will be taking a break over the winter holidays. The office will be closed from Wednesday December 22nd until Tuesday January 4th.



Unfortunately we didn't get to celebrate our 50th anniversary this year as we had hoped. Our plan is to celebrate in 2022, please keep an eye on your inbox for further details.

Renewals

Closed

IASW



We have been working hard on getting the 2021 journal ready for you. It's a bumper 50th anniversary edition. Keep an eye on your post next week for Christmas delivery from IASW.

We will be taking submissions for articles for the 2022 edition from January on, you can read the guidelines for submissions below.

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