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## A Note From the Chair

Having just begun to emerge from the worst effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our world has been newly impacted and horrified by the war in Ukraine. In a recent statement on Russia's military aggression there, with the resulting human and social costs, the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) issued a statement, in which we are reminded that: "Social work has responded over many decades to the human tragedies that follow war. The military aggression in Ukraine will result in death, destruction, more human rights abuses, large-scale refugee movements, and the traumatization of people." The IFSW went on to say that: "As part of the people's movement for global change, we are working with many international partners and communities to co-build a peaceful and sustainable world." As adverted to by the IFSW, the role of social work in addressing the dreadful impact of the war will be significant, not just in Ukraine, but more widely, as the full impact of the conflict is realised.



Closer to home, the challenges facing social workers and those with whom we work remain as testing as ever. The IASW Board recently finalised our new Strategic Plan for the years 2022 to 2024. The Plan, entitled *Social Workers: Stronger Together for Social Change*, has been circulated to all members and a range of our stakeholders and I would urge you to review the Plan and consider its implications for you, the profession, and those who use social work services. The Plan sets out the Association's priorities for the coming three years, building from our unique values and role as social workers. It is vital to clarify and prioritise our organisational direction, goals and objectives, which we have done in our Strategic Plan. In the coming months, I look forward to the IASW working together to prioritise and achieve our identified objectives, while remaining open to the realities of emerging issues that can arise and need to be addressed, as recent events have shown us, so that we really can be as strong as possible together.

**Vivian Geiran, IASW Chair, SW00319**

[IASW Strategic Plan](#)

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### IASW Events

- Mar 15th: World Social Work Day
- Mar 16th: Infringement of fundamental

### IASW in the News

- HSE in damage control mode to block full publication of Brandon report

- [freedoms – the legacy of Brexit in Ireland](#)
- Mar 23rd: [All You Wanted to Know about Practice Teaching but were Afraid to Ask](#)
- May 25th: [IASW Annual General Meeting](#)

Upcoming Events

- [Between the lines of adult safeguarding in the HSE](#)
- [HSE escalates review into rape of resident in nursing home by carer](#)

IASW News

# Press Releases

## IASW Press Releases

- [Crisis in Ukraine highlights social and racial inequalities among ethnic minority groups fleeing for their lives from the warzone](#)
- [Irish Association of Social Workers deeply concerned at Government delay in establishing Citizens' Assembly on Drug Use](#)
- [IASW is deeply concerned about the rights, the well-being, safety, and protection of people living in residential services.](#)
- [Social Workers in CAMHS special interest group response to the Maskey report on Kerry CAMHS](#)



### The Irish Social Worker

We have uploaded our 2021, 50th anniversary journal to our website. You can download by following the link below and logging into your IASW account.

Journal



### REMINDER:

As per Section 5 of the Coru Code of Professional Conduct & Ethics, Social Workers **must** practise in the name(s) under which you are registered and always use your CORU registration number when representing yourself as a registered Social Worker.

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### New Phone Hours

Starting from the week of **April 4th** our phone operating hours will change. New Contact Hours

**Monday:** 10am to 4:30pm

**Tuesday:** 10am to 4:30pm

**Thursday:** 10am to 4:30pm

Contact

member only training on Interviewee Skills in January. The course was offered on a 'first come, first served' basis to our first year PQ members to support them in preparation for the HSE panel interviews. We had excellent feedback about the usefulness of the course in preparation for competency based interviews.

Thanks to a lovely donation to the IASW in 2021 we were also able to run a competition

for our graduating members. All students due to graduate in 2021 were entered into a draw for free first year post qualify membership. We choose up to 2 students per college.



### IASW Member Benefits



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