

August Newsletter

August 2014

In this issue...

[Continuing Professional Development](#)

[Legislation and Policy Updates](#)

[Submissions](#)

[IASW Upcoming Events](#)

Dear member

It's been a busy and exciting summer so far. A big welcome to Sharon who has taken over as office manager while Danielle is on maternity leave. The new Board have been working hard to develop a three year Strategy for the Association. Special Interest Groups have been engaged in advocacy work including meetings with Minister Kathleen Lynch, CORU and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. Probably the most exciting news to date is the arrival of IASW branded pens to the office - make sure you get yours at the next CPD event and be the envy of your colleagues!



Dónal O'Malley, IASW Chair

JOIN US!!!



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

IASW in the News

Read [our response](#) to the publication of National Review Panel Reports on deaths of young people

IASW chair quoted in [thejournal.ie](#) article on Children in State care being 'placed in danger of abuse and exploitation'

Continuing Professional Development

CPD on www.iasw.ie

The CPD section of the website is updated. Visit this section for the latest information and updates and to download CPD resources. Email cpdofficer@iasw.ie with your suggestions.

CPD Framework for Social Workers

The Social Work Registration Board at CORU is in the process of setting in place specific requirements for CPD social workers. A consultation process on this draft Framework is imminent - we will be in contact with our members to seek out their views on the Framework and any concerns about its implementation. We aim to represent your views to CORU. You can view our [submission to CORU's consultation regarding Continuing Professional Development: Standards and Requirements Framework Document](#) in the submissions section of the website.

IASW CPD events

IASW members will be kept updated by email on upcoming conferences, seminars and training with full details on the website. Our autumn/winter programme has been developed in response to your training needs and with a view to supporting you keep your professional knowledge and skills up to date. The cost for IASW members has been subsidised for many of our events, one of the many benefits of membership.

HELP!!! We're always on the lookout for HSE and Health Facilities venues in which to hold CPD training and events. Please send a mail to cpdofficer@iasw.ie if you know of any venues that might be suitable - thanks!

Practitioner Research Group

Legislation & Policy Updates

Heads of Children and Family Relationships Bill 2014



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 Monday, 29th September in room 4050B, Arts Building, Trinity College. RSVP to office@iasw.ie if you'd like to attend.



TELL IT TO THE HAND !!

Let us know your views, suggestions and feedback. Get in touch at office@iasw.ie or on 

The proposed legislation represents the most important reform of family law for a generation. In response to member requests, the IASW organised an information seminar for social workers on the Heads of the Bill, an event which rapidly booked up. A briefing note is now available to download from the [events page](#) with additional information and analysis in the [policy and legislation](#) section. We will keep members updated on opportunities to influence this important piece of legislation.

Protected Disclosures Act 2014

The '[Whistleblowers](#)' legislation became operational on July 15th and legislates for a range of protections for whistleblowers penalised by their employer or who suffer a detriment from a third party on account of raising concerns regarding possible wrongdoing in their workplace. Members will be updated about departmental guidelines on the Act and with details of the IASW information seminar on the Act.

And of course, you can check out the [resources section](#) at www.iasw.ie for more reports, policy and legislation.

Submissions

Public Consultation on Medical Card Eligibility

Submissions were made by two Special Interest Groups: Primary Care & Social Workers in Disability, both submissions exemplifying the valuable perspectives provided by social work expertise. Visit the [Submissions and Representations](#) section to download a copy.

IASW Upcoming Events

Bridging the Gap:

Social Workers in Primary Care Conference & 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

€20 members, students, unemployed/ €40 non-members

Dr Lisa O'Reilly's workshop will provide valuable tools and techniques for professionals who engage with children about personal and sensitive issues. Click [here](#) for more details and to book your place

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**

The member rate has been subsidised by the IASW.

Members will be kept updated by email as we confirm details of new conferences, training and events.

Representing Social Work in Ireland since 1971
A Member of the International Federation of Social Workers

National Social Work Organisation of Ireland Limited T/A
Irish Association of Social Workers
Registered in Dublin No. 518634

Registered Office: 114-116 Pearse Street Dublin 2 Ireland

Tel: +353 (0) 6774 838
Email: office@iasw.ie
Website: www.iasw.ie

