

# April Newsletter

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## Dear member

I'd like to thank all the members who have worked so hard on behalf of the social work profession, especially over the last few months! Thanks to you, we have had productive meetings with both the HSE & Tusla management, with the Minister for Children and other public representatives, and with CORU. Together, we have advocated both for the interests of the social workers and for those we work with. I'd also like to thank everyone who was involved with the very successful World Social Work Day (see below). It was great to see that we can effect real and substantive change for not only individuals and families, but also for communities. In the office, the final preparations are now being made for the National Social Work Conference on June 5th and for the Social Work Awards on the night of June 4th. So before the Easter break and before you eat your body weight in chocolate! make sure to book yourself in for the Conference and also maybe take the time to reflect on who in social work has impressed you recently. Someone who's ingenuity, skill and humanity has not only made a difference but maybe even inspired you. Please take this opportunity to acknowledge their work and nominate them for the Social Work Awards. Good practice deserves to be recognised and rewarded!



*Dónal O'Malley, IASW Chair*

## IASW in the News

### Hundreds of staff needed for backlog of child protection cases

*Measuring the Pressure*, a Tusla framework to provide an overview of service pressures, referral and allocation activity, says there are some 2,740 cases classified as "high priority" without a social worker. Click [here](#) to see media coverage of the IASW response to the issue.

Follow us and join the discussion



## JOIN US!!!



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

## IASW Upcoming Events

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

Members will notice that in 2015 they pay even less for events than non-members, one of the many benefits of membership.



### Social Work as a Champion of Lifespan Mental Health Solutions

Thursday, 16th April from 9.30 - 4

Education, Research and Training Centre, Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W

€15 members/ €35 non-members/ €10 student

The conference is a joint event hosted by CAMHS & SWAMH

## World Social Work Day 2015



The International Committee of the Irish Association of Social Workers and the School of Applied Social Science, UCD, held a joint Celebration of World Social Work Day this year. The findings of a survey of social workers views on direct provision were presented on the day and got [media coverage](#). View the photos and presentations from the event at [www.iasw.ie](http://www.iasw.ie) and on [f](#)

## Call for Abstracts for IASW National Social Work Conference

The IASW National Conference would like to invite abstracts for submission to its annual conference on the 5th June 2015 under the conference theme 'Building Professional Resilience'. We welcome two types of submission:

1. Oral Presentations (10 minutes)
2. Poster presentations

Please send your submissions to [office@iasw.ie](mailto:office@iasw.ie) by Friday, 24th April. Click [here](#) for further details.

## The IFSW were in town...



Photographed on a recent visit to Dublin are Rory Truell, IFSW General Secretary and Ruth Stark, IFSW President with Dónal O'Malley, IASW Chair and John Brennan, IASW International Committee Chair

## Fitness to Practise - What it means for you

Wednesday, 29th April from 6 - 7.30

Wynn's Hotel, Abbey Street, Dublin 1

Free but booking essential to secure a place

John Conroy, Communications Manager, CORU

## Applying the Marte Meo to Attachment and Relationship Issues

Thursday, 30th April from 9.00 - 12.30

St Andrews Resource Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin

€5 members/€15 non-members

Colette O'Donovan's seminar will explore how the Marte Meo method can be used to identify and work with early signals of attachment and relationship issues

2.5 CPD points have been awarded

## Building Professional Resilience - IASW National Social Work Conference & AGM

Friday, 5th June from 9.00 - 4.30

Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin

€20 members/ €40 non-members/ €10 students

Price includes lunch and refreshments

This year's conference puts a focus on the factors that contribute to building resilience in the social work profession, both individually and collectively, and aims to create a space where we can think about how to respond and adapt constructively to stress and adversity. We're delighted to announce the keynote speakers

- **Dr. Pamela Trevithick**, Visiting Professor in Social Work at Buckinghamshire New University
- **Martin Webber**, Anniversary Reader in Social Work and Director of the International Centre for Mental Health Social Research at the University of York
- **Martin Mc Cormack**, Head of Operations, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Further details will be made available on [www.iasw.ie](http://www.iasw.ie)

## Interdisciplinary CPD conference - Date for your Diary

Monday, 22nd June from 9 - 4.30

Education, Research and Training Centre, Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W

## Legislation & Policy

### Children and Family Relationships Bill 2015

The Bill was passed by the Seanad this week. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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