



Global trends in social work

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# International social bodies

- Int Fed of Social Workers
- Int Assoc of Schools of Social Work
- Int Council on Social Welfare
- ENSACT
- European Social Network



# International engagement

- United Nations – New York, Nairobi, Geneva, Vienna
- Int Labour Organisation
- World Health Organisation
- Council of Europe
- European Union



# Global context changes

- Philosophies
- Knowledge expands
- Growing economic difference
- Decline in solidarity
- Mobility



# Demand for change

- More choice
- Individualised services
- Diversity in provision
- Integrated services



# Some things are constant

- Basic needs and behaviour remarkably consistent
- Values and humanitarian ideals



# Global qualifying standards

- Facilitate the inclusion of marginalised and socially excluded, people.
- Challenge barriers, inequalities and injustices
- Form working relationships with and mobilise individuals, families, groups, organisations and communities to enhance their well-being and their problem-solving capacities.
- Assist and educate people to obtain services and resources in their communities.
- Formulate and implement policies and programmes that enhance people's wellbeing, promote development and human rights, and promote collective social harmony and social stability, insofar as such stability does not violate human rights.
- Encourage people to engage in advocacy with regard to pertinent local, national, regional and/or international concerns.



# Global qualifying standards

- Act with and/or for people to advocate the formulation and implementation of policies that are consistent with the ethical principles of the profession.
- Act with and/or for people to advocate changes in those policies and structural conditions that maintain people in marginalised, dispossessed and vulnerable positions, and those that infringe the collective social harmony and stability of various ethnic groups, insofar as such stability does not violate human rights.
- Work towards the protection of people who are not in a position to do so themselves, for example children and youth in need of care and persons experiencing mental illness or mental retardation, within the parameters of accepted and ethically sound legislation.



# Global qualifying standards

- Engage in social and political action to impact social policy and economic development, and to effect change by critiquing and eliminating inequalities.
- Enhance stable, harmonious and mutually respectful societies that do not violate people's human rights.
- Promote respect for traditions, cultures, ideologies, beliefs and religions amongst different ethnic groups and societies, insofar as these do not conflict with the fundamental human rights of people.
- Plan, organise, administer and manage programmes and organisations dedicated to any of the purposes delineated above.



# Many reasons for mobility

- Economic
- Educational
- Recreational
- Developmental
- Familial



# Code of Practice for International Recruitment

- Preparation
- Support
- Guidance
  
- Managing the risks and gaining the benefits





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