

World Social Work Day 2008 - Jamaica

The **Jamaica Association of Social Workers** joins almost half a million social workers in 84 countries (members of the **International Federation of Social Workers, IFSW¹**) in celebrating April 15 as World Social Work Day. WSWD is an opportunity to highlight the many ways that social work and social workers make a world of difference in the lives of some of the most marginalised people in our society.

Social workers are charged with recognising and promoting the basic humanity and rights of those who have limited opportunity to enjoy these rights. We have a duty to use our knowledge and skills in direct service to children, families, communities and other special groups such as persons with disabilities. We must also challenge the leaders of our agencies and public and private organisations to work together to create an environment in which all persons, regardless of status, can have access to the resources needed for their personal and collective well being.

This task has become all the more important as the world increases in complexity and the prospect of achieving sustainable human and social development is being called into question. Now more than ever, social workers must act collectively to make a difference in this and other parts of the world.

World Social Work Day Events (up to press time)

April 13 - Church Services

10a.m. Grace Missionary Church, 7 West Ave., Kingston 8

Services also planned for Mandeville and St Ann

April 14-18 Exhibitions at...

UWI, JTS, NCU and the Moneague College

April 15 (all day) SW Expo (agency displays)

Jamaica Theological Seminary – 14 West Avenue

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