



**International Federation of Social
Workers – European Region
Delegates Meeting for IFSW Europe e.V.
Reykjavik, Iceland, 26-28 May 2017**

**2017. Expression of Interest in Appointments of External and Internal
Representatives of IFSW Europe e.V.**

Deadline: 5th May 2017

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Please indicate the position(s) you are interested and the capacity in which you would wish to serve:

Please as appropriate

Position	Representative	Support Member
Council of Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global Human Rights Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent Committee on Ethics	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Social Platform	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Anti-Poverty Network	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundamental Rights Platform	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Organisation of Rare Diseases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please give a brief account of knowledge and experience you have relevant to the position(s) below:

Ethics are the foundation of social work. On behalf of IFSW I have been an active member of the Global Committee for two years and am in regular contact with the chair of the Committee, Dawn Hobdy, from NASW.

My practice and research interests are focused on rights-based practice of which ethics is a critical component. I am Head of Social Work at a large mental health charity where I have influenced the banning of blanket rules and promoted person-centered practice. I am a practitioner as well as a manager. In my practice, I have two statutory roles – one within the Mental Health Act and one within the Mental Capacity Act. Both roles mean that I am working with people who may be vulnerable and at risk of abuse and harm. Being able to refer to ethical principles supports my decision-making. However, it is important to be reassured that the IFSW/IASSW ethical principles are reviewed and remain relevant for the dynamic global context in which social workers operate and embrace new challenges. This is the task of the Committee. The intention is to launch the refreshed principles, hopefully with with an APP option at the Global conference 2018.



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Current Employment Status: Employed

Length of Time Position held: 20 years

Do you have the support of your employer to attend meetings? Yes

Will you be allowed time off work to attend meetings? Yes

Do you have the support of your Membership Organisation? Yes

How much of your own time are you able to devote to the position(s)? Up to one day a week

Please indicate the level of your skills in both spoken and written English and in any other languages using the codes below:

Fluent (1); Very good (2); Good (3); Fairly good (4)

Language	Spoken	Written
English	1	1
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Please indicate the level of your IT skills using the codes below:

Excellent (1); Very good (2); Good (3); Fairly good (4)

E-Mail	1
Word	1
Excel	2
Power point	1

The completed form shall preferably be sent by e-mail by **5th May 2017** to Lola Casal, IFSW Europe Honorary Secretary: secretary.ifsweurope@gmail.com and certainly presented to her at the Delegates Meeting in Reykjavik **no later than 13.00 on the 27th May 2017.**