**IFSW EUROPEAN DELEGATES MEETING 2019**

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**GLOBAL AGENDA FOR SOCIAL WORK & RESEARCH ON WORKING CONDITIONS**

This short briefing is primarily for representatives of IFSW member organisations who are attending the 2019 Delegates Meeting and/or the conference.

**GLOBAL AGENDA FOR SOCIAL WORK – CONFERENCE WORKSHOP - 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**

There will be two opportunities to discuss the plans for The Global Agenda.

* a brief presentation in the Delegates Meeting
* A 3 hour workshop in the conference - David N Jones (Global Coordinator) and Rory Truell.

Both presentations will present information about

* the consultation about the NEW Global Agenda 2020-2030
* preparation of the regional and global reports on the 2018-2020 theme *strengthening recognition of the importance of human relationships*.

We attach a more detailed briefing about both processes. We encourage you to come to the conference workshop to share:

* examples and stories of good social work practice which illustrates the importance of human relationships – including relationships with service users, colleagues, politicians, communities, etc. **Please bring a brief paper in English describing the example which may be included in the regional report.**
* ideas about the themes or headlines for the Global Agenda 2020-2030 with links to World Social Work Days. Should we have a broader focus on Social Change and include other social partners and organisations? Should there be a stronger focus on social work practice? How can we strengthen our voice and campaigns in an increasingly divided and ‘anti-social’ Europe? **Please bring information and innovative ideas in response to these challenges to discuss and share in the workshop**.

**RESEARCH ON WORKING CONDITIONS – 11 SEPTEMBER 2019**

IFSW with Bath Spa University will be launching a global questionnaire for social workers in September to examine and compare working conditions for social workers around the world. We will ask all social workers to complete the on-line form (available in several languages). The report will be published at the Global Conference 2020 in Calgary. The survey is planned to take place every two years, building up a unique picture of the working conditions of social workers on every continent. The workshop, led by Jermaine Ravalier and David N Jones, will present the questionnaire and explore the issues raised. **Please come prepared to share your national experience and bring information about and references to national workforce studies which are relevant**.

David N Jones and Rory Truell

16 August 2019