**Appointment of IFSW European External and Internal Representatives**

**Deadline: 30 September 2021**

(It will be possible to nominate people also on the day of the election at the Delegates Meeting)

This report summarises the arrangements for the appointment of members designated to undertake official duties on behalf of the Federation, the expectations of the work that will be carried out and the reporting arrangements and lines of accountability.

The report contains brief details and web references to sources of additional information about each of these positions, and the members currently designated to carry them out.

Other than in the case of the Election Officer, the designated person(s) are expected to:

* Propose the priorities in their field of representation;
* Update de President and the Executive on priorities at European or global level in their areas of representation and member organizations;
* Collect feedback from our member organisation to the work of partners/networks;
* Report key developments in the IFSW website, blog and Facebook;
* Provide a brief quarterly written or verbal report on their activities to the European President;
* Present an annual report to the Delegates Meeting;

Expenditure arising from the activities of designated representatives not eligible for reimbursement by the organisations concerned requires to be authorised in advance by the IFSW Europe President and Treasurer.

The Executive Committee hopes that members will find the following brief information about these important positions of assistance. Further details about activities carried out over the past year will be provided at the Delegates Meeting.

In the interests of equal opportunities and for the benefit of members wishing to be considered but unable to be present, all candidates for these appointments should complete the accompanying proforma and attach it to an email addressed to Teodora Dobre, IFSW Europe Honorary Secretary: europe@ifsw.org certainly by **30 September 2021**.

The Executive Committee will appraise the Delegates Meeting of the Expressions of Interest received for each position and any recommendations they wish to make about the appointments that are considered most appropriate, having regard to the skills and experience of the members concerned and the position applied for.

Where a vote is necessary to determine a particular appointment there will be a ballot.

**IFSW European Representatives 2020-2021**

**Representative to the Council of Europe and a support team**

Ruth Allen from the United Kingdom is the current IFSW European Representative to Council of Europe.

**Representative to the European Social Platform and a support team**

John Brennan from Ireland is the current IFSW European Representative to European Social Platform.

**Representative to the European Anti-Poverty Network and a support team**

Fran McDonnell from the United Kingdom is the current IFSW European Representative to EAPN.

Members of the IFSW European Support Group to EAPN:

* Ian Johnston (United Kingdom)
* John Brennan (Ireland)
* Birthe Povlsen (Denmark)

**Representative to the EU Fundamental Rights Platform and a support team**

Graça André from Portugal is the current IFSW European Representative to FRA.

**Representative to the UN**

Swetha RAO DHANANKA from Switzerland is the current IFSW European Representative to for UN Geneva and Herbert PAULISCHIN from Austria is the current IFSW European Representative to UN Vienna.

**Representative to IFSW Global Education Commission**

Nicolai PAULSEN from Denmark is the current IFSW European Representative to the IFSW Global Education Commission.

**European contact person for the Global Human Rights Commission and a support team**

Marcin Boryczko from Poland is the current IFSW European Representative to Global Human Rights Commission.

**European contact person for the Global Permanent Committee on Ethics and a support team**

Jane Shears from the United Kingdom is the current IFSW European Representative to Global Permanent Committee on Ethics.

**Representative to IFSW Global Indigenous Committee**

Margareta UTTJEK from Sweden is the current IFSW European Representative to the IFSW Global Indigenous Committee

**IFSW Europe e.V Election Officer**

The job of the Election Officer is to ensure that IFSW Europe’s elections conform to the Federation’s statutes and byelaws. Ruth Allen from the United Kingdom currently undertakes these duties.