**Report of IFSW Europe Regional Representative/Commissioner**

**For Delegates Meeting 2025**

**Please send this report to** [**europe@ifsw.org**](mailto:europe@ifsw.org) **by 24th September**

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| **Your name** | Geraldine Nosowska (Gerry) |
| **Your association** | BASW UK |
| **Commission or Organisation where you represent IFSW Europe** | Social Work and Ageing – now part of UN Support Team |
| **Date of report** | September 2025 |
| **When did you start being the representative?** | November 2021 |
| **Do you have a support person/group?** | No – part of the UN Support Team |
| **Do you wish to continue for the year 2024/25?** | Yes please |
| **If you wish to continue, do you need a support person/group?** | No – part of the UN Support Team, however very happy for any links with other representatives |
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| **Please list the main events and meetings you attended between June 2024 and September 2025** | Ongoing: IFSW reps meetings  Oct 2024: IFSW Europe Webinar for Older People’s Day  Jan 2025: shadowed meeting of NGO Committee on Ageing  From Aug 2025: IFSW UN reps meetings |
| **Please describe other work you undertook in your role (e.g. policy work, writing, contributing to webinars etc)** | Oct 2024: Shared information about IPA Older People Mental Health week  March 2025: Signed letter in support of UN work to pass a resolution for a binding legal instrument on rights of older people (this was agreed in April 2025)  Aug 2025: Contribution to NGO Committee on Ageing survey on priorities to respond to ageing in Europe |
| **Please describe your main achievements in this role in the last period**  I have advocated for ageing with IFSW representatives.  I made connection with the NGO Committee on Ageing.  I supported work in the UN for a binding legal instrument on rights of older people. This work will continue and the NGO Committee on Ageing will be involved in lobbying.  In August 2025, I became part of the UN Support Team in Geneva to lead on ageing. I will now be able to formally link into the NGO Committee on Ageing, starting with attending a virtual event for UN Day of Older People.  I have built links with the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work which wants to develop work on ageing, and aims to have a webinar in early 2026. | |
| **If you wish to continue in your role, please list your key objectives/aims for the next year.**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Work plan** | | | **Profile raising** | | | Blog for UN Day of OP | 1 Oct 2025 | | Share Older People’s Mental Health week information from IPA | October 2025 | | Webinar with COSW | Feb 2026 | | Blog for World Elder Abuse Day | 15 June 2026 | | Event with NGO Committee on Ageing for UN Day of OP | October 2026 | | **Professional development** | | | Update IFSW Policy on Ageing and Older People (written in 2008) | Start this by October 2026 | | **Lobbying** | | | Build relationships with NGO Committee on Ageing | From Sept 2025 | | Contribute to NGO Committee work | Ongoing | | |