Statement candidate Josien Hofs for BPSW (The Netherlands)

Dear all,

Being a member of the Executive Committee since 2019 I learnt a lot about what is going on in IFSW Europe, our place in European bodies, the need to cooperate with educational institutions, etc. I enjoyed learning from and working together with the other executives and in the meetings with the representatives. Our commitment with the Ukraine colleagues and with the refugees all over Europe strengthened the work of IFSW in many ways.

Since my re-election in covid-19 times we succeeded in working on line with each other. I had – in cooperation with others - webinars on community work and eco-social work, and I was given the opportunity to take responsibility of the Project *Eco-wisdom for social workers,* which is as interesting as it is challenging. We had a successful workshop on the online Zagreb conference and a webinar on the subject. At the DM in Berlin you provided me with inspiring ideas and remarks. I am very pleased with the developing network group, and I would like to be involved in this project the coming two years as I think we have a lot to do together on this.

My national association asked me to go for another term, as we think it is important to support IFSW.

Josien Hofs

CV Josien Hofs

Education

* Bachelor SW
* Social Work management and coaching
* Additional studies on a range of SW issues
* Philosophy Studies
* English for SOL Cambridge

Social Work experience

* Psychiatric Institution
* Services and Care for families and individuals with special needs and physical challenges
* Confidential advisor for parents of schoolchildren with severe complaints
* Quality Management by and for social workers
* Lecturer SW at University for Applied Sciences
* Research Fellow University for Applied Sciences

Experience in social organisations as a volunteer

* President child care institute
* Board member local health center
* President cooperation project Netherlands-India “Man and Mangrove”
* President Youth at Risk, support organization for street children in Hyderabad India
* Board member / president National India Committee (Child Labour and Human Rights)
* Volunteer in a Detention Center