

## Regional representative ( Asia Pacific) New Zealand for IFSW



Tēna koutou katoa,

No Tauranga-moana ahau

No Airana, Kotirana raua ko Holland oku tipuna.

Ko Jude Douglas toku ingoa.

Kia ora and greetings from Aotearoa New Zealand. I'm of Irish, Scots and Dutch descent, Pākehā, she/her.

Based in Wellington, the capital city of Aotearoa New Zealand, I've been involved in social work since the mid eighties, in roles from statutory child protection, NGOs, family support, community development, education and training, policy and projects and research and evaluation. Most recently I've been teaching on a social work degree programme and have a passion for working in education to support the learning of students and practitioners.

I'm also involved in my community and have several interests and volunteer roles in a community garden, timebank and with movements that promote social justice and sustainability. In my spare time I love spending time with family – my partner and our four adult children, friends, listening and playing music, movies art and theatre and being outdoors in the bush or somewhere near our beautiful coastline.

I'm excited about this opportunity to collaborate with colleagues across the Asia Pacific region and to be of service to the wider social work community by representing the concerns and ideas from this part of the globe.

Ngā mihi mahana, Warm greetings,

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