

NAPSW Kazakhstan WSWD2021

We would like to share with you our current activities devoted to support of social work development in our country as a follow-up of WSWD2021.

This week we organized the Week of Social Work, dedicated to raising the status of the social work profession in Kazakhstan. This event is held within the framework of a joint project of L.N. Gumilyov ENU with UNICEF and the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population «Strengthening national curricula for the training and further training of social work specialists in the main competences of interaction and cooperation with the community with the aim of changing social norms of behavior». During this week experts in the field of social work from different countries in the format of a live broadcast will share their professional success, the history of their career path, as well as prospects and opportunities for social worker professions in their country.

Today in Kazakhstan there is an urgent problem of personnel training in the field of social work. According to the results of the family's social card, the need for new personnel to accompany clients in difficult life situations is more than 20 thousand professionally trained social workers (Materials of the Resource Center for Social Work, 2019-2020). However, the majority of students enrolled in the specialty "Social Work", not knowing about this profession before entering, choose it unconsciously, not gaining enough points on the Unified National Test for the desired profession. Therefore, upon completion of their studies at the university, a few remain in the profession, the rest do not work in their specialty.

The main tasks of the Week of Social Work in Kazakhstan:

- Build qualified and motivated social work professionals who can effectively manage risk cases.
- Increasing the number of consciously applying applicants by informing about the possibilities and prospects of the profession of a social worker in Kazakhstan.
- Drawing attention to the status of a social worker at the micro, meso, and macro levels.
- Informing students, undergraduates about the importance of an interdisciplinary approach in helping clients in difficult life situations.

Target audience: students, undergraduates in social work, social pedagogy, nursing, public health, schoolchildren in grades 10-11, specialists in the social protection system, education, health care.

We already started today with the session of Dr. Dinara Yessimova, executive director of NAPSW Kazakhstan and Professor of Social Work Timo Toikko from University of Eastern Finland. Coming days prominent SW professional from India, Germany, Russia, Great Britain, the USA and Kazakhstan will share their own stories and career developments with our students.

Should your schedule allow it, we would really appreciate seeing you among our guest speakers with a presentation on the topic: "My professional path, career success story. Opportunities and prospects for the profession of a social worker in my country". It could be 15-20 minutes presentation and 40 minutes Q&A session.

Waiting for your response.

Kind regards,

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