

Statement candidate Josien Hofs for BPSW (The Netherlands)

Josien Hofs is a member of honour and has been a most appreciated board member of BPSW for 12 years. As a retired social worker she is unabated active for our association.

She represents the organization on a lot of occasions nationally and on the municipal level. She has a special interest in the development of green social work. She had an active role in the development of the new code of ethics for social work, and a new structure for professional disciplinary procedures. In Rotterdam she does lobby work on social work issues on municipal level. She does voluntary work in a prison in Rotterdam.

She has published a range of articles on ethics, austerities, etc. in professional magazines.

She cooperates actively on behalf of BPSW with SW education departments of two universities for applied sciences. She provides speeches, workshops etc. for students as well as professionals as a guest teacher.

International experience:

Josien represented BPSW on IFSW conferences in Reykjavik, Dublin and Vienna with successful contributions. She has a keen interest in cooperation across borders; as a lecturer she presented research results on at conferences in i.e. the UK, Turkey and Finland. She has been involved in a long term partnership with South Bank University London. She has an active role in the twinning project with the Moroccan Association (AMAS).

Since her election as a board member covid-19 withheld us from traveling, on line she organized an international IFSW webinar on community work in pandemic times and had a part in an IFSW webinar on homeless people during covid-19. She represented IFSW on a EU conference on SW labour conditions, on an international conference in Belgium, and took part in the preparation of an comprehensive international research program on community work for young people.

BPSW wholeheartedly recommends Josien for another two years.

CV Josien Hof's

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