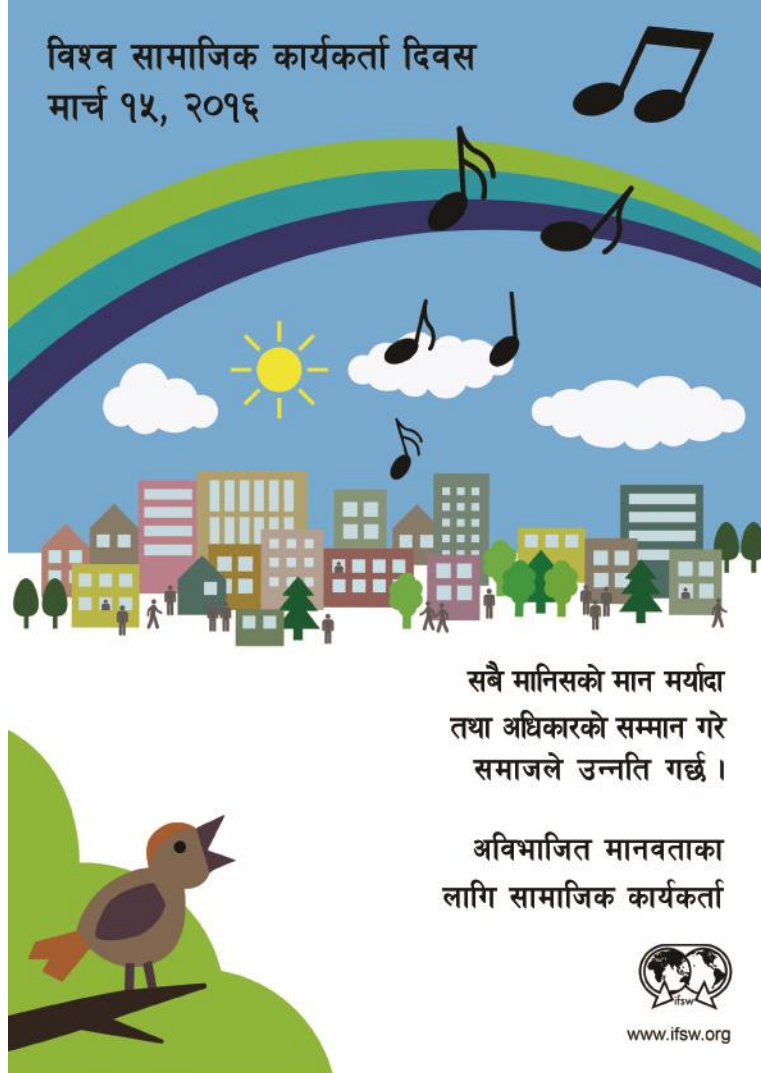


Concept paper for the seminar on  
"Opportunities and challenges of Social Work in Nepal"



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## **Background**

Social Work is the helping profession concerned with helping individuals, families, groups and communities to enhance their well being; the main goal of social work is to improve society's overall well-being, especially for the most vulnerable populations. Social work is globally accepted profession.

Every Year 3rd Tuesday of March is celebrated as the social work day globally with specific theme. The purpose of The World Social Work Day is to give recognition to and raise awareness on the effects of social work. World social Work day encourages professionals in the field of social work to take a moment to celebrate the global efforts to promote social and economic equality and to ensure human rights and dignity to all.

This year also social workers are celebrating social worker with the theme "Promoting the Dignity and Worth of Peoples". This year we are planning to celebrate social work day by conducting the seminar on "Opportunities and Challenges of Social Work in Nepal"

If we trace the history of academic social work in Nepal, It was first introduced by Kathmandu University in Bachelors level. After one year in 1997, Tribhuwan University introduced Social Work as Major subject in Bachelors Level. Till now many universities of Nepal have introduced Social Work subject in Bachelors Level and Masters Level. Because of many reason now a days social work is perceived as glamorising subject. More than 75 colleges are providing social work education to more than 1000 students per year. Many peoples, society and communities and even government are not aware about social work as a profession. It is very difficult to identify opportunities, scope of social work in Nepal

This year we are going to organize a seminar on "**Opportunities and Challenges of Social Work in Nepal**" on **13th March 2016**. The objectives of the seminar is to find out the real challenges of social work in Nepal, the areas, sectors and opportunities of social work in Nepal. The seminar will also focus on professionalism of social work in Nepal.

## **Objectives**

1. To identify the opportunities and scope of Social Work education in Nepal.
2. To understand the challenges and remedial measures of social work practice in Nepal
3. To get insight of worth and dignity of social workers in Nepal.

## **Date and Venue:**

Date: - 30th Falgun, Sunday

Venue: - Lincoln college, Samakhushi

## **Participants**

There will be 100 participants from different colleges providing social work subject as major subject. They will be from Bachelor's level. And there will be maximum 4 students from one college. And about 25 colleges will participate in the seminar.

## **Speakers**

There will be 5 speakers in the seminar. According to their profession and specialization topic will be given to every speaker. The topic and speakers are as follows:

1. Introduction of social work: - Faculty member from Social Work Department TU.
2. Opportunities of Social Work: - Members from Social Worker Association of Nepal (SWAN)
3. Challenges of Social Work: - Person practicing social work with social work background.
4. Social Work as profession: - Member from Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare.
5. Opportunities and challenges of Social work :- Research presentation