



PRESS RELEASE

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Azerbaijan Social Work Public Union celebrated the World Social Work Day

Azerbaijan Social Work Public Union (AZSWPU) held World Social Work Day event at the Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts on 16th March 2017. Azerbaijan Social Work Public Union (AZSWPU) organized for the first time the World Social Work Day in 2014. About 60 participants comprising social work students, practitioners, academicians and friends of social work attended the event. Lamiya Rzayeva, Executive Director of AZSWPU opened the event and presented the theme of World Social Work Day for this year. She also explained as 21st of March the World Social Work Day this year overlaps with Novruz Holiday in Azerbaijan, it was celebrated earlier. Board Member of the AZSWPU, Gulnara Panahova congratulated all social workers and wished success in their noble profession.

The Young Social Workers and Social Work Students Department of the AZSWPU demonstrated "What is social work or who social worker is" video survey devoted to the World Social Work Day. Alumni who studied social work in Azerbaijan such as Sanubar Haydarova, Lamia Rzayeva, in Europe Rana Huseynova and Aysel Sultan and in the USA Aytakin Huseynli, Aytan Shirinova and Aysel Gasimova shared their success stories in becoming social workers and gave their recommendations to all young social work students. Herbert Paulischin, Executive Director of Austrian Social Workers Associations and Bahar Hajizada, Director of Baku Education Information Centre commented about social work education and presented social work scholarships to participants. Khanbala Ahmadli, the PR Coordinator of the AZSWPU at the end of event presented the first newsletter of the organization which developed in local language devoted to social work.