

Letter of Support

Candidacy 2016 – IFSW Treasurer – Dunja Gharwal

younion _ Die Daseinsgewerkschaft is delighted to hear that Mrs. Dunja Gharwal is ready to candidate as IFSW treasurer. We as younion highly support her candidacy.

Since 2014 Mrs. Gharwal is an elected shop steward for members of the social workers in younion. In her function she is very experienced in different fields of representing her occupation group of social workers. But she also possesses a wide range of business skills and experience as a former entrepreneur in the health sector. Within younion she is responsible for the international sector of social workers.

Mrs. Gharwal, as shop steward, is very dedicated regarding helping people in labor law-related questions, issues of social work and international cooperation between social workers.

During the late political crisis forcing people into displacement and refugee status she set up a voluntary mobile social work team with interpreters to provide information and help for asylum seekers in Austria's biggest detention center. This project starting as a local community based service is already a national operating organization providing information and support for NGOs to deliver specific information services for refugees and asylum seekers.

Dunja Gharwal was the leading force in preparing and organizing a symposium on the Social Workers Day with cooperation of our trade union. It was a very successful event with 50 participants and also an excited discussion about the so called "refugee crisis" and the role of the social workers.

Mrs. Gharwal will finish her Master of Social Work in June 2016. Her Master Thesis „Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work" provides awareness of the practical use of ethical principals and human rights documents in every day social work.

Mrs. Gharwal is known as a very experienced social worker with excellent social competence and communication skills. She is a very active networker and skilful negotiator with an analytical approach, strategically planning and strong motivation. Her reliability and loyalty are valuable features as a team player.

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