

Dear EASSW members,

This year we celebrate the World Social Work Day on March 15th under the title **Promoting the Dignity and Worth of Peoples**. The celebration provides a chance for the social work schools including educators and students to present our roles and concerns for the very complex social environment that we share and that we deal with. Hundreds of thousands of refugees and migrants who are entering different European countries have been the focus of our attention during the last months along with the painfully familiar challenges in the daily lives of poor, elderly, disabled and other people who also call upon our efforts. The issues connected with human rights violence and protection are before us and there is a great need to raise the voices of social workers to influence communities and societies to be sensitive and human when working with them.

EASSW invites you to celebrate World Social Work Day in your school and in your community with the aim of promoting the best standards in human rights and social work values. The EASSW along with the IFSW European Region will organize, on the occasion of WSWD, a central European event in Brussels on March 14th. This event will be also devoted to the issues of refugees and migrants in Europe.

The EASSW adopted a logo this year for WSWD that was made by Joost Welling who is a student of social work from Utrecht, Netherlands. Here is the explanation of the colours he used: blue symbolizes; logic, reason, fact and science; orange symbolizes; liveliness (focused on being and with vision of the future), alertness (a critical attitude and awareness), health and warmth (healthy society and cooperation); the background consists of three shades of blue, symbolize: the influence on international, regional and local politics, this results in each other to a white color (infinity); the half moon (orange in color) is symbolic of the individual, all Moons together, the group that in a dynamic way moves forward (the rotation to the right).

Have a successful and productive WSWD celebration and we kindly ask you to let us know about your plans and about the results of your activities, events and achievements.

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