



International Network for School Social Work

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Call for Speakers

The 6th International School Social Work Conference
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

10 - 12 June 2015

Mrs. Munkhjargal Bujgar, the Director of the Mongolian Association of School Social Workers, cordially invites all interested parties to nominate themselves as speakers and submit presentation proposals in line with the theme **‘Child Friendly Schools’** for the 6th International School Social Workers Conference happening in June 2015 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The topics the conference would like to focus on are as follows, but you are also welcome to propose a topic inline with the theme ‘Child Friendly Schools’:

- **Positive relationships:** Creating positive relationships in schools
- **Child protection:** Ensuring child protection for all children
- **Child participation:** Enabling children to participate and to develop at school
- **Cooperation:** Coordinating family involvement and support of their children

A variety of formats are available. The complete Call for Speakers with a Proposal Form was attached to this newsletter and can be found on the conference web site at <http://www.isswc.massw.org>. Proposals must be submitted by September 1, 2014.

Have you ever watched American Football?
Middle School Players Make a Life-Changing Play
www.youtube.com/v/0Ejh_hb15Fc?version=3&hl=en_US&rel=0
A touchdown, worth 6 points, is scored by moving the ball into the opposing team’s end zone

School Social Work in Canada



Canada is a federal parliamentary democracy. The 10 provinces and 3 territories are responsible for the administration and delivery of education. The population of 35 million is ethnically and culturally diverse with a high rate of immigration. The aboriginal population of First Nations, Inuit and Metis constitutes about 4% of the total population. English and French are the official languages. Social work in schools started over a hundred years ago with school attendance officers, but the title of school social work and a change in emphasis did not appear until the 1940's, starting in Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan and gradually spreading to most of the Provinces. The Canadian Association of School Social Workers and Attendance Counsellors <http://www.casswac.ca/> provides electronic newsletters and a conference every other year. School social work is especially strong in Ontario with over 400 school social workers. The Ontario Association of Social Workers includes a School Social Work Committee that provides support for school social workers with an annual symposium and newsletters. Despite the overall high quality of life and educational attainment, not all Canadians share this success and many school children need social work support to be able to participate fully.



School Social Work (*Schulsozialarbeit*) in Germany

The Federal Republic of Germany is a federal parliamentary republic of almost 82 million people. The 16 states (Länder) handle internal affairs including education. This includes the organization of school social work services, which started in some states around 1968 and have gradually spread throughout Germany. Although there is some similarity among the states in



how school social work is provided, there are also differences in the extent and focus of the service and how it is administered. For example, in many places the service is provided through a youth welfare agency, but in others through the school itself. There is a strong emphasis on preventive activities, such as leisure education, including student clubs, and the transition from school to work. There is little data available to give a comprehensive picture for Germany, but the Gewerkschaft Erziehung und Wissenschaft-

GEW (Trade Union for Education and Science) is working with universities to gather statistical data on the status of school social work. Some states such as Berlin have large numbers of school social workers and North Rhine-Westphalen has 1350. Some states have started their own school social work professional association, e.g. Schulsozialarbeit Niedersachsen <http://www.schulsozialarbeit-nds.de/index.php?lang=en> and the Netzwerk Schulsozialarbeit Baden-Wuerttemberg <http://www.netzwerk-schulsozialarbeit.de/cms/>. Although there is no national association for school social workers, there is a new cooperative network, Kooperationsverbund Schulsozialarbeit that is sharing information.

The web site <http://www.schulsozialarbeit.net/index.html> gives links for school social work practice around the country and for extensive literature about the practice, history, extent and studies of school social work in Germany.